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President Saddam Hussein



King Khaled

Kuwait proposes meeting

King-Saddam contact affirms strong links

JEDDAH, Sept. 26 (SPA) — A "contact" was made between King Khaled and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in which "dimensions of the current situation" were discussed. In a telephone call made Thursday the King expressed his brotherly "feelings and interest." The King affirmed "the deep-rooted relations between the two brotherly relations in the past and at present."

"May Almighty God give our Arab and Islamic nations success and guidance," the King told President Saddam. Jeddah Radio also Friday broadcast the telephone contact between the two Arab leaders. It said the king expressed "his concern and good brotherly feelings" for Iraq. He told the president, it said, that he had "prayed for progress and for the benefit of our Arab and Islamic nations."

Another Gulf state, Kuwait, said its leader, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, telephoned Saddam Hussein to discuss convening an emergency meeting of Arab and Islamic foreign ministers to try to end the war. The Kuwait News Agency report gave no more details.

Meanwhile, Morocco gave support to Iraq in the war with Iran. The Moroccan press said Friday but King Hassan has appealed to the leaders of both countries to stop fighting. As chairman of the Jerusalem Committee of the Organization of Islamic Conference, King Hassan has sent messages to President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr of Iran and Hussein of Iraq calling on them to stop fighting. He called the war suicidal for Islamic unity.

In Cairo, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said in a press interview that the Iraqi-Iranian

war provided an opportunity to topple Ayatollah Khomeini and he encouraged the United States to work for the Iranian leader's downfall.

Elsewhere in the region, South Yemen Thursday urged Iran and Iraq to stop their fighting and settle their conflict peacefully. President Ali Nasser Muhammad sent identical telegrams to Iraqi President Hussein, Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini and Iranian President Bani-Sadr.

Alli Nasser said South Yemen was concerned by the war and called for "self-control, recourse to negotiations, and settling disputes by peaceful means." He added that the energies of Muslim and Arab states should be concentrated on fighting Israel and not each other.

"Tension and conflicts in this region affect the general political climate, threaten the security and stability of the area, and expose both the riches of the region and its peoples' interests to increased danger," the president said.

Kuwait and Jordan, both of which share borders with Iraq, were the most outspoken in their backing of the Iraqis. Press reports in Qatar and the United Arab Emirates sympathized with Iraq.

But most of the Gulf states urged a quick resolution of the conflict. Observers in the Gulf said these states were concerned about foreign intervention and the possible cutoff of oil export routes to the West if the war continued.

Information Minister Isa Kawi of Qatar cautioned escalation of the conflict could "precipitate intervention by foreign powers."

Pakistan downs Afghan copter

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 26 (AFP) — Pakistani forces Friday shot down an Afghan helicopter gunship one of two which intruded Pakistani airspace during an attack on a border post this morning, defense ministry sources announced.

A defense ministry communique issued here said the two gunships entered Pakistani airspace at 1050 local (0550GMT) and launched "unprovoked attacks" on a Pakistan frontier post in the Bajaur area. Forces on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border,

der, hit one of the gunships and forced the other back over the frontier.

The Soviet-made helicopter was seen crashing about 2,000 yards inside Afghan territory, the communique said.

Two Pakistani civil armed guards were killed in the "engagement" and another was wounded, the communique said, adding that Afghan casualties were not known.

The Pakistan government was lodging a strong protest with Afghanistan against this "unprovoked intrusion into its territory," the communique added.

Iraq reports fresh successes

Khorramshahr resists Iraqis; Carter wants safe oil routes

BAGHDAD, Sept. 26 (R) — Iraq reported fresh successes for its army and air force in the five-day war with Iran Friday while its gunners kept on pounding the Iranian oil refinery at Abadan.

An Iraqi military communique reported fierce fighting along the entire battle front, with 20 Iranian planes shot down for the loss of three Iraqi aircraft. The Iraqis also said they had captured hundreds of prisoners, 19 tanks, and several field guns when they overran an Iranian camp.

They did not say where the camp was and their communique gave no details about the progress of the offensives which the Iraqis launched on three fronts on Tuesday.

Iraq Friday announced its war planes bombed Tehran's oil refinery in retaliation for repeated air strikes.

A communique from the Iraqi Command broadcast by Baghdad radio said the assault on the Tehran refinery was carried out at 1300 GMT and threatened further attacks unless Iran stopped its daily raids on Iraqi oil lifelines.

The Iraqi Command said that Iranian planes had raided the northern cities of Kirkuk and Mosul again Friday.

Opposite Abadan, Reuter correspondent watched Iraqi anti-aircraft and rocket batteries hidden in a palm grove opened up as Iranian jets swooped in at the start of a strafing run. In the face of the barrage of Iraqi fire the jets turned away and disappeared behind the curtain of smoke hanging over Abadan.

Thursday night Iranian aircraft again

raided Basra, Iraq's main port on the Shatt Al-Arab. Health Under-Secretary Saadoun Khalifa al-Takriti told reporters that 200 people had been killed and 500 injured in the city since the war began.

In Baghdad, where the mood is tense but almost festive, there was an air raid alert Friday morning but no attack.

Iraq also Friday said its aircraft bombed Sanjeh airport, an Iranian military installation near the Iraqi-Iranian border, destroying aircraft on the ground.

The commander of Iraq's Kirkuk Air Base 300 kms (180 miles) north of Baghdad, said that the Iranian base was a strategic airfield used to launch raids against Iraqi cities, particularly Kirkuk, Mosul (500 kms north of Baghdad), and Arbil in northern Iraq.

Iran also reported heavy fighting Friday round Khorramshahr, Iran's main cargo port, as Iranian forces put up a stubborn resistance against Iraqi armored troops who have besieged it since Tuesday night. An Iranian military communique said the defenders had built barricades on the streets and on rooftops from which they were fighting back under heavy Iraqi artillery and mortar fire.

A nurse at Khorramshahr's Shabdi Hospital told Reuters by telephone "many houses have been destroyed. There is shooting all around." A doctor at the Mossadegh Hospital said the surrounding areas were being shelled by Iraqi heavy guns. Ninety per cent of casualties were civilians, he said.

The nurse said many Iraqi tanks had been destroyed by Iranian air and ground attacks. Tehran radio said that 50 Iraqi tanks had surrendered to Iranian forces at Khorramshahr. The official news agency Pars said that the siege of Khorramshahr — which the Iraqis claimed to have captured last night — had been lifted. But there was no confirmation of this.

Most of the city's population of 150,000 have already fled. But according to a Tehran radio correspondent in the past some had stayed to fight beside Iranian troops with molotov cocktails and machineguns to check the Iraqi advance in which a military communique said 50 Iraqi tanks had been destroyed.

As the Iraqis fought back, apparently checking the Iraqis after their initial advances, President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr proclaimed "the Iraqi army has lost the war." In a broadcast speech monitored in Vienna the president said "in armored wars, if one does not win in the first week all after that is just useless efforts." The president said army morale was very high and that the troops had a "very strong Islamic spirit." He was speaking after a meeting with Iran's revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, who had earlier gone on the air himself to deny a radio report that he had died.

The most comprehensive report so far on the state of the battle in an Iranian communique said that in the past 24 hours Iran had destroyed 72 Iraqi planes, three helicopters, 144 tanks and armored personnel carriers, six missile-launching boats and two other vessels against a loss of eight fighters, one helicopter, 16 tanks, two gunboats and a minesweeper. The communique reported heavy casualties on both sides in fighting at various points along the border and admitted that the Iraqis had penetrated Iranian territory at some places.

Street fighting was going on in Qasr-e-Shirin, a town on the Baghdad-Tehran highway which the Iraqis claimed to have captured on Wednesday. There was intense fighting in the Baveysi region and both sides had suffered heavy casualties in the Khasa-levi.

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Arafat in Tehran

Iraq, Iran willing to talk if...

BEIRUT, Sept. 26 (AP) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat arrived in Tehran Thursday for talks with Iranian leaders, the Palestine news agency (WAFA) reported.

Arafat, who is trying to mediate the four-day full-scale war between the two oil countries, met with Iraqi President Hussein in Baghdad Wednesday. The outcome of Arafat's talks with Hussein were not disclosed. He left Baghdad earlier in the day without mentioning his destination.

It was not clear which route Arafat took to Tehran. Both Baghdad and Tehran airports have been closed since early in the war.

President Bani-Sadr is reported to have told a group of Islamic envoys that there could be no meeting with Iraq unless two conditions were fulfilled — an end to Iraqi "aggression" and what he called Baghdad's support for separatist rebels in western Iran.

In Paris, Iran's charge d'affaires, Ali Banifatemeh, said his country would be prepared to discuss a political settlement of the Gulf war if Iraqi forces withdrew from Iranian territory. "If the two superpowers and indeed any other countries keep out, I think we can reach a political settlement rapidly," he told a press conference.

Meanwhile Iraq said Friday it was willing to negotiate a settlement with Iran. "We welcome any discussion of the problems that created the current situation, whether at international or regional organizations," said Iraqi foreign minister Saadoun Hammadi in a statement broadcast by Baghdad radio.

Hammadi said Iraq's prime concern was to safeguard its legitimate national rights, its

territorial security and its sovereignty over its territorial waters. "Iraq definitely has no intention to keep any Iranian territory... and has no intention whatsoever to carry on the war once Iran recognized these principles," Hammadi added.

He spoke after a meeting in Baghdad with his Cuban counterpart Sidero Malmierca who drove to the Iraqi capital from neighboring Syria with the good offices of Cuban leader Fidel Castro, head of the organization of non-aligned nations for this year.

Hammadi's reference to international or regional organizations appeared to indicate that Iraq is willing to negotiate under the auspices of the United Nations or such bodies as the Organization of the Islamic Conference or the nonaligned nations organization.

Hammadi warned at the same time against any military assistance to Iran before a settlement is reached. "Any assistance offered to the Iranian regime, especially in the field of spare parts, will be considered an act of aggression against Iraq's security," Hammadi warned. "This will reflect adversely on Iraq's relations with any country that offers this assistance."

This appeared to be aimed at the United States following an Arabic language Israeli radio report that President Carter planned to consult his senior aides on the possibility of giving spare parts to Iran's U.S.-made military hardware.

The broadcast claimed Carter might be willing to call off the spare parts ban if Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's regime was willing to release the 52 American hostages.

Saud hopeful on Muslim initiative

By Fauzi Asmar and Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 26 — Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal said he was optimistic that Friday's meeting here of the Islamic states would lead to a solution of the Iraq-Iran crisis.

Prince Saud, who arrived here earlier in the week to address the new session of the U.N. General Assembly, told Arab News he expected the Islamic session to produce concrete results that would help bring the war to a rapid conclusion.

Representatives of the Islamic states were meeting at mid-day to select a high-level mediation team which would travel to Iraq and Iran in an effort to halt the fighting.

PLO official Farouk Kaddoumi, referring to the meeting of Islamic states, said "this is the room where this problem should be solved." Kaddoumi said in an interview that the Palestinians were playing a major role in efforts to resolve the crisis. Commenting on PLO leader Yasser Arafat's personal mediation efforts in Baghdad and Tehran, Kaddoumi said "we are hopeful that the chairman will succeed."

The PLO official noted that there would be "no winners" in a prolonged Iraq-Iran conflict — "only losers." Representatives of the nonaligned states, meanwhile, were meeting Friday afternoon to prepare for a conference of the nonaligned foreign ministers here on Oct. 1.

In a related development, Norway called for a special meeting of the Security Council, slated for 5 p.m. local time Friday, to discuss a resolution aimed at bringing the Iraq-Iran war to an end. Sources said it was expected that Iraq would support the proposed resolution.

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Trips to be organized

Youth hostels' role emphasized

RIYADH, Sept. 26 (SPA) — The sixth Arab Youth Hostels Association emphasized the role of youth hostels in serving the Arabian youth by facilitating their stay and travel in the destined country.

The conference ended here Wednesday after four-days of meetings calling for organizing youth trips to acquaint them to the progress of youth hostels in the Arab world.

The conference approved an intellectual development program aimed at educating authoritative youth in the Arab world on the actual activity of the youth hostels, and the educational, cultural and social services the hostels provide.

The intellectual development program comprises holding information seminars on youth hostels in Arab countries where the youth hostels movement is still not popular.

An Arab Film will be prepared on the youth hostels, and translate one or more films of the hostels movement. The program also calls for organizing competition on the hostels activity, on the level of Arab countries, for which financial prizes will be awarded.

In addition, various publications will be issued on the movement in simple language. Color posters will be made with the assistance of similar posters from other international movements. An irregular magazine will also be published about Arab youth hostels, under the intellectual development program.

The conference decided to organize a scientific seminar about the hostels movement and draw a suitable strategy for the Arab nation. The seminar will last two weeks and the Arab Youth Hostels Association will pay half the travel expenses.

The conference also decided to assist Arab youth hostels financially and technically. The assistance program includes providing requirements of some Arab countries on the hostels movements, or participation in the development by establishing a society or youth hostel in every country. Arab or foreign experts will be sent to help with the technical and engineering aspects when required.

The conference agreed to an international cooperation program that comprises organizing a seminar or a conference for Arab and Developing Countries' unions to study their development and policy at international levels. The program calls for the seminar or the conference to be held in an Arab country, a third world country or one of the Mediterranean countries.

It was decided that a training session would be held for Arab youth hostels supervisors to make a collective study on the problems of the hostels. The supervisors will get training on hostel administration. The conference also agreed to establish a documents and information bureau for Arab youth upon a request presented by Lebanon.

The documents and information bureau will gather information concerning historic, social, cultural, youth activity centers and vacation areas on every Arab country. The bureau's activities will cover educational information, maps and surveys.

The conference approved final accounts for the year 1978, and authorized the elected secretary general to handle the documents and funds of the Arab Youth Hostels Association from the seventh headquarters of the general secretariat in Cairo.

Egypt's membership to the association was suspended and the association's headquarters was moved to Tunis.

The conference approved the proposed budget of the association until the end of 1981. The budget project of 1979 was based on the revenues of that year, which were frozen at the association's previous headquarters. Resignation of the former secretary general, Mustafa Khalifa, was accepted.

The conference thanked the Saudi Arabian Youth Hostels Union for the report submitted by the union to the 33rd international hostels conference held in New Zealand in August. The report covered the activities of Arab youth hostels unions.

The seventh conference will be held in Tunis, April 1981. The conference welcomed Libya's request to host the conference in 1982, and to be the reserve country to hold the seventh conference.

Members of the Executive Committee of the Arab Youth Hostels Association were elected from six Arab countries. Ibrahim Zakaria, from Syria, was elected the chairman of the committee; and Ahmad Sharif of Tunisia, was appointed the secretary general. The conference thanked Saudi Arabia for donating \$30,000 and Libya \$10,000.

WEATHER

Moderate weather will prevail in most parts. It is expected to be fine in the western highlands.

Winds will be south-westerly in the central, eastern and north-eastern regions, and westerly in other areas.

Fog will form in the eastern coast at the early morning.

Seas will be light to moderate. Friday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	41	26
Jeddah	37	24
Riyadh	40	26
Dhahran	37	23
Medina	41	26
Taif	32	18
Jizan	36	28
Qasim	38	21
Hail	36	18
Tabouk	35	20
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INSPECTION VISIT: National Guard undersecretaries, Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwaijri, for financial and administrative affairs; and Abdul Rahman Abu Halimad, for technical affairs; visited the newly completed National Guard complex on Khurais road, Riyadh Thursday. They inspected the furnishing of the complex and reviewed the achievement of the offices and divisions organizing committee that allocates needs of every department according to its size and role at the National Guard headquarters. They visited the newly founded department of maintenance and operation, manned wholly by national experts, that will replace companies now carrying out the maintenance and operation works for the National Guard.

Fahd meets with Farisi

JEDDAH, Sept. 26 — Crown Prince Fahd conferred with Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farisi Wednesday and told him that the Corniche must be improved along the beach designs for the entertainment of citizens.

The Corniche has to be asphalted and the necessary barriers have to be built to prevent the erosion of the sea coast, the prince told the mayor.

Prince Fahd also ordered that the Corniche be lit and that children's playgrounds, cafes and restaurants be constructed. Also, there will have to be dredged to a depth of six and a half meters at shallow regions.

Farisi showed Prince Fahd the plans and designs of the Corniche as prepared by the municipality and the prince discussed the detail.

Harakan offers thanks

MECCA, Sept. 26 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Ali Al-Harakan, secretary general of the Muslim World League, thanked King Khalid and Crown Prince Fahd for their constant support to the league's activities.

Riyadh births rising

RIYADH, Sept. 26 — The number of births in Riyadh is expected to reach 18,000 by the end of 1980. Statistics published by the capital's Maternity Hospital show that the hospital had more than 50 deliveries every day.

The hospital is cooperating with Riyadh University and a British university in training pediatricians from various areas in Saudi Arabia to raise their standard. The course last for about a year.

prayer times

Saturday	Mecca	Medina	Najd
Fajr	4.59	4.59	4.28
Ishraq	6.16	6.13	5.48
Dhuhr	12.19	12.20	11.49
Asr	3.42	3.25	3.13
Maghreb	6.16	6.16	5.45
Isha	7.46	7.46	7.15

BRIEFS

Airport dedication planned

BEISHA, Sept. 26 — Beisha's new airport will be dedicated after the pilgrimage season immediately, according to Muhammad Sulaiman Al-Rawwaf, the airport's director. The airport is fully equipped and ready to receive various types of aircraft. It has cost SR65 million, the official said.

Kingdom's donations noted

RIYADH, Sept. 26 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia has paid its share amounting to \$187,500 to the budget of the Gulf Cultural Festival due to be held in Paris next March. Dr. Muhammad Al-Ahmad Al-Rashid, director general of the Gulf Arab Education Office, addressed a letter of thanks and appreciation to Prince Faisal bin Fahd bin Abdul Aziz, director general of the Youth Welfare Organization, thanking him for the Kingdom's initiative.

Malaysian delegation arrives

JEDDAH, Sept. 26 (SPA) — A Malaysian delegation from the Ifta body of the Higher Islamic Council for Religious Affairs in Malaysia, paid a visit last Wednesday to the headquarters of the Organization of the Islamic Conference. It also visited King Abdul Aziz University the same day.

Boy scouts offered

AL-MUJAMMAA, Sept. 26 (SPA) — Al-Fayha Club here has set up a boy scout camp at the road pilgrims city to offer services and guidance to the Hajjis. The camp, manned by 25 boy scouts, is also preparing 15 sign boards in Arabic and English to show the pilgrims their way.

Pilgrims tallied

TAIF, Sept. 26 (SPA) — A total of 95,145 pilgrims arrived in Saudi Arabia up to Tues-

day, an increase of 39,535 compared with the same date last year. A spokesman for the Interior Ministry said that 76,216 arrived by air, 18,397 by sea and 352 by road.

Pilgrims' city completed

BURAIDAH, Sept. 26 — Construction of a new pilgrims city here has been completed and the city is ready to receive pilgrims. Governor of Qasim Prince Abdul Ilah bin Abdul Aziz announced Thursday. The city has all the necessary infrastructure and includes 150 tents, a health center, a pharmacy and other facilities.


Container service begins

HOUSTON, Sept. 26 — Commencing with the loading of Charlotte Maersk at Houston on Oct. 7, the Maersk line introduces the first direct full container service. The service will run between the United States and Saudi Arabia and will sail every fortnight from all ports of call on fixed week-days.

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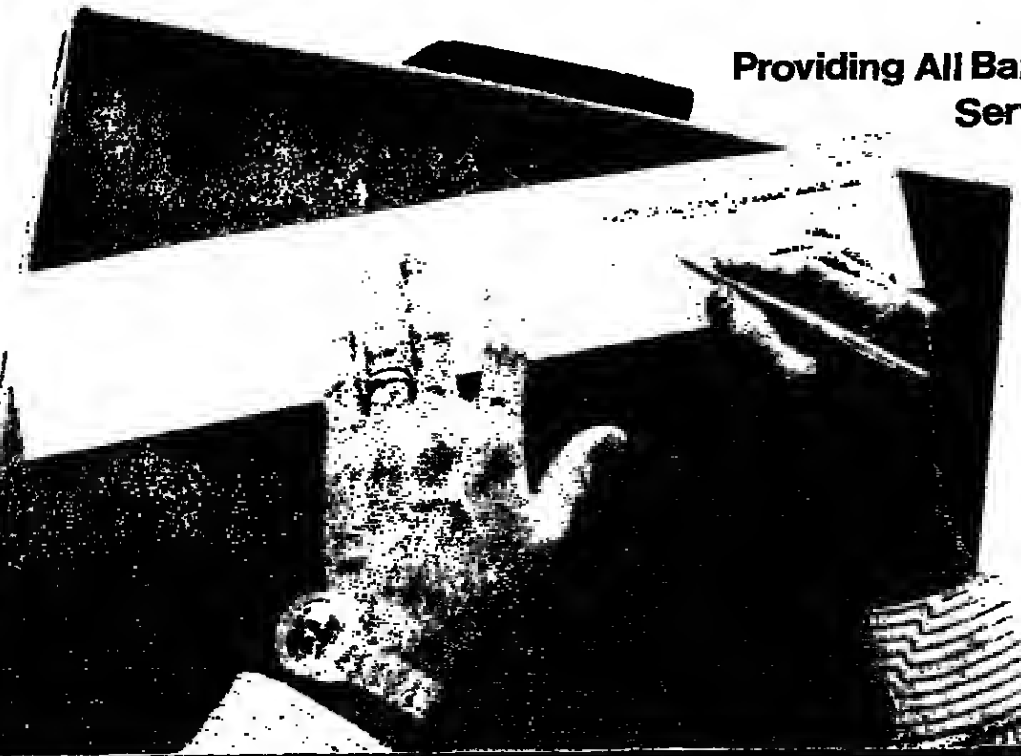
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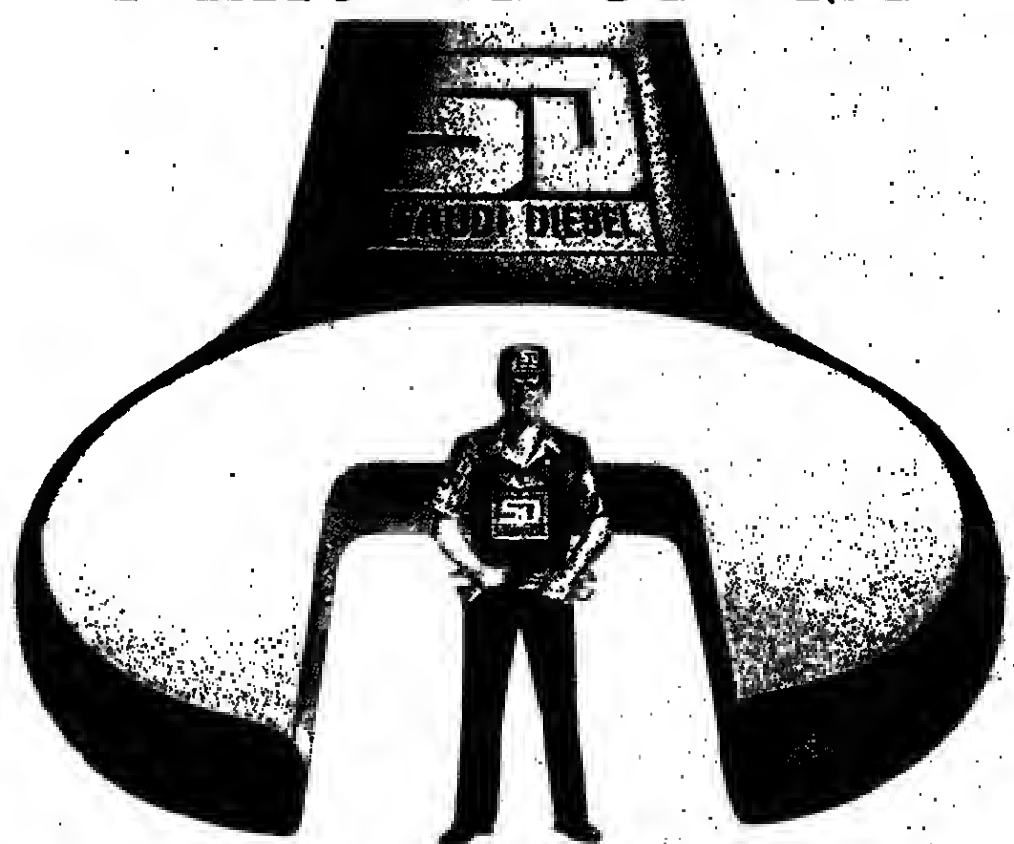
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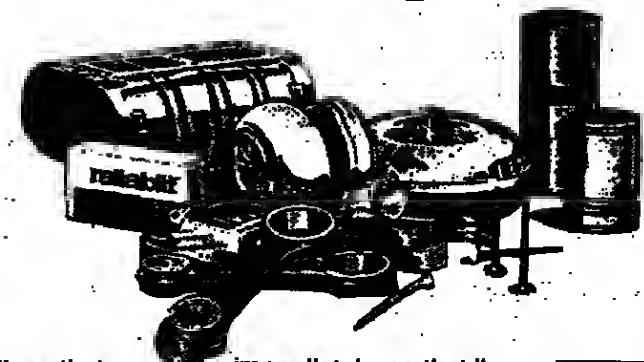
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In a separate development, Mayor Koschak called on Prince Mu'eb to approach the authorities concerned to prevent the pilgrims from camping under the bridges and in public squares in Mecca, Arafat and Mena, especially since there are no water closets near these places, the fact which exposes pilgrims to disease. The mayor, in cooperation with the Western Province's health directorate, has intensified their campaigns on these areas.

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In addition, Solaim flew to Estancia, a country estate, to inspect cattle and dairy farms. He also met with representatives of the country's private sector to discuss possible cooperation between the two countries. Argentina is considered a granary of the world since it is one of the major producers of a wide variety of grains and cereals. Also millions of head of cattle and sheep graze on the country's vast ranges and are prime meat producers.

And though the group members need to study the country's situation more fully before making any report, Josifovich said, "My first impression is that the Saudi people know exactly what animals need and how they should be managed."

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Israel may prosecute 4 men for meeting Arafat

TEL AVIV, Sept. 26 (Agencies) — Israel may prosecute four Israeli leftists, including two parliamentarians, who met Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser Arafat, the state television has reported.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim told the television's political correspondent Thursday night he would check the legal aspects of the meeting Wednesday between Arafat and the Israelis at a conference sponsored by the World Peace Movement in Sofia, Bulgaria. Under Israeli law, it is illegal for Israelis to meet foreign agents, although other Israeli leftists have met PLO representatives and have not been prosecuted.

Knesset members Charlie Biton and Fehik Toubi of the Communist Democratic Front for peace and equality and two other Israelis met Arafat in the Bulgarian capital. Toubi told the television's correspondent that Arafat told the delegation of his desire

for peaceful co-existence with Israel.

The meeting was denounced by other Israeli parliamentarians, who demanded that Biton and Toubi be stripped of their parliamentary immunity and prosecuted for meeting with hostile elements. Opposition Labor Party Leader Shimon Peres called the meeting "unfortunate and damaging," and Yoram Aridor, a member of prime Minister Menachem Begin's ruling Likud Bloc, said the meeting was "a criminal act."

The meeting was believed to be the first between Arafat and Israelis. Israel and the PLO refuse to recognize each other. The Sofia meeting, which ended Saturday, also was attended by three Palestinian mayors from the occupied West Bank, Fahd Qawasmeh of Hebron and Mohammed Milhem of Halhoul were expelled by the Israeli military government in May. And Nablus Mayor Bassam Shaka lost both legs in



Yasser Arafat

an assassination attempt a month later.

The meeting was believed to be the first between Arafat and Israelis, although other members of Israel's left have met PLO representatives.

BRIEFS

Qatar signs accord to buy three French patrol boats

PARIS, Sept. 26 (AP) — France and Qatar have signed a \$360 million agreement under which the Gulf emirate will receive three rapid patrol boats equipped with sea to sea missiles, the defense ministry announced Thursday. Under the agreement Qatar also will obtain three shore batteries armed with surface to surface missiles, said Gerard Hibon, director of the ministry's foreign arms sales.

France will provide personnel to train the Qataris in the use of the equipment, Hibon said.

The agreement provides for the eventual

purchase of three additional rapid patrol boats, which are equipped with Exocet mm-40 missiles that have a 35-mile range and an inertial guidance system.

The agreement followed a visit last spring to Qatar by French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing and Defense Minister Yvon Bourges. Qatar announced recently that it intended to develop its 500-man navy, which at present has six patrol boats that carry cannon.

Qatar already has purchased from France six Alpha jet ground support planes and is negotiating to buy 12 Mirage.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter will meet with Pakistan President Mohammad Zia Oct. 3, the White House announced Thursday. Zia is travelling to the United States to address the U.N. General Assembly will meet with Carter in Washington.

CAIRO, (AP) — Egypt's Minister of Defense Gen. Ahmed Badawy Wednesday inaugurated a new military factory that will produce heavy arms and the *Al-Ahram* newspaper said it is among the world's 20 major factories of its kind. The report in the early editions of Thursday's papers said the \$87 million project will start producing various types of heavy artillery guns, including 203mm ones, before the end of the 1980 it will also produce armored vehicles.

LONDON, (AFP) — Leaders of the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) would consider helping a military government bring back democracy only if President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq was deposed first, Miss Binazir Bhutto, daughter of the late Premier Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, said in an interview published

Jordan informs Steel of basic principles

AMMAN, Sept. 26 (R) — British Liberal Party leader David Steel has heard Jordan declare that there were basic principles for achieving just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East. Steel arrived here Thursday night on a three-day visit to Jordan on the third leg of a 10-day tour of five Middle Eastern countries.

He had already visited Syria and Lebanon and will go to Israel and Egypt. According to Petra, the official Jordan News Agency, Steel was told by acting Foreign Minister Adnan Abu Odeh Friday that those principles included total Israeli withdrawal from occupied Arab territories, first and foremost Jerusalem, and a recognition of Palestinian rights, including that of self-determination. Abu Odeh, who is also minister of information, told Steel that the Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel were an obstacle on the road of peace to the region.

Steel also met the speaker of the national consultative council (parliament) Ahmed Tarawneh.

here Thursday.

CAIRO, (AFP) — The Israeli sector of Jerusalem could remain under the Jewish state's sovereignty if the Arab sector were returned to Arab sovereignty, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said in an interview published Thursday by the semi-official daily newspaper *Al-Ahram*. Sadat, who was replying to questions from visiting Uruguayan journalists, also said that the Palestinians should speak for themselves in negotiations on Palestinian autonomy.

DAMASCUS, (R) — Syrian armored troops carried out military exercises with live ammunition in cooperation with the air force and other units Thursday, an official announcement said. It said the defense Minister, Maj.-Gen. Mustafa Tlas, and a number of senior military officers watched the maneuvers. Gen. Tlas called on the troops to try harder and train more "to achieve combat readiness and a high level for the battle of liberation against the Zionist enemy and its supporters."

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Jimmy Carter's administration announced plans this week to send a delegation of senior U.S. business executives to Israel in an effort to strengthen commercial ties. The office of U.S. Trade Representative Reubio Askew said the mission, scheduled to start next Feb. 6, is part of Carter's efforts to further the Camp David peace initiative by increasing economic cooperation with Israel and Egypt.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — A disagreement between two Israeli gynecologists led to fist cuffs in a local operating theater while their patient lay anesthetized on the table, the newspaper *Yediot Aharanot* reported this week. The surgeons ended up slugging it out when they couldn't resolve a professional argument over procedures for the operation, which had to be postponed.

U.S. acknowledges contacts with Libyan jets; no incident

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (AP) — The U.S. Defense Department acknowledged Thursday that there were "contacts" earlier this month between U.S. and Libyan aircraft off the Libyan coast, but said they did not provoke any international military incidents. "All such contacts occurred without incident, were peaceful and routine in nature and both sides observed normal procedures for contact between non-hostile military aircraft in international air space," officials said.

Columnist William Safire reported in the *New York Times* that in the first encounter, an American RC-135 reconnaissance jet was attacked by two Libyan MiG-23 fighters off the Libyan coast Sept. 16. The columnist said another intercept occurred on Sept. 21, but U.S. fighter planes from the aircraft carrier *John F. Kennedy* arrived on the scene and the Libyan planes returned to their base.

At the Pentagon Thursday, spokesman James Santana said U.S. aircraft were operating in the area — "though well out into inter-

national waters" — as part of a regularly scheduled exercise. "During that exercise, there were contacts between U.S. and Libyan aircraft. The U.S. aircraft were there as part of the normal exercises and were not deliberately provoking the Libyans," he said.

Holland's envoy presents papers to Israeli president in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Sept. 26 (AP) — Holland's new ambassador to Israel had presented his credentials in a red carpet ceremony at the president's mansion overshadowed by his country's decision to move its embassy from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv. Following the official ceremony Thursday, Ambassador Ivan Verkave told reporters Holland and Israel remained friends, despite the embassy move. "It (the embassy move) was defined to me as a shadow," Verkave said, "but shadows have a tendency to go away when the clouds pass."

Verkave, the former deputy secretary general of the Dutch Foreign Ministry, had delayed his arrival in Israel to attend a cabinet debate last month on moving the Dutch embassy out of Jerusalem. The Hague decided on the transfer at the demand of the U.N. Security Council following passage of a controversial Israeli law reaffirming the annexation of Arab Jerusalem.

Embassy officials said Verkave will live in a Tel Aviv hotel and commute to Jerusalem to work until he finds new offices in Tel Aviv.

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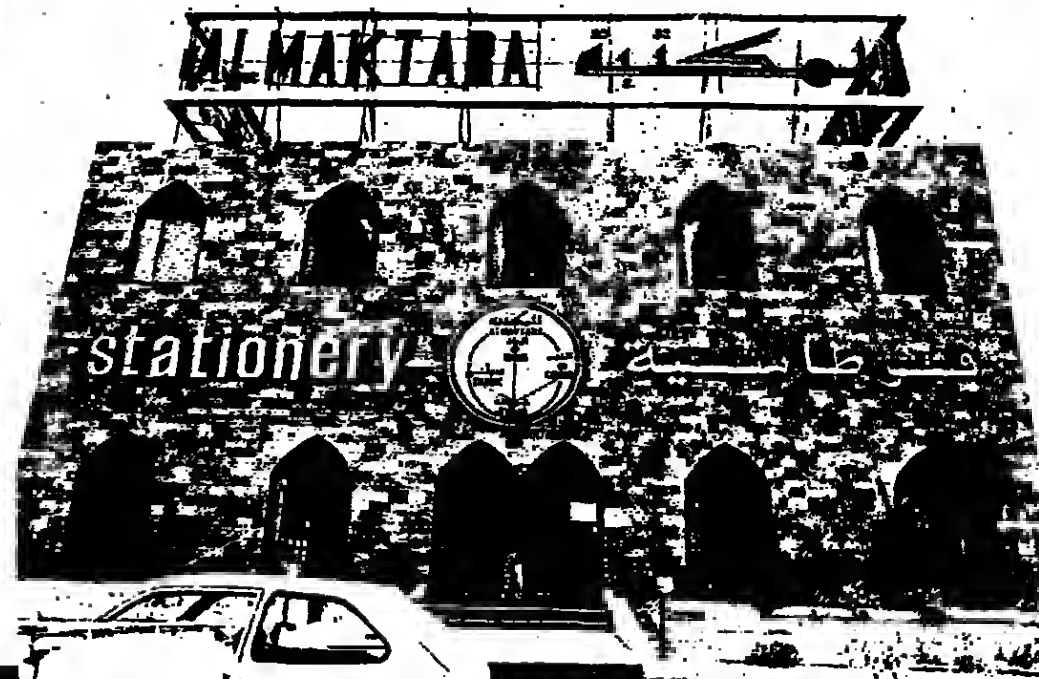
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Active sportswear adds sparkle Men's fashions exhibited

By Jenny Bagley

PARIS — The influence of active sportswear will add sparkle to men's fashion in Spring 1981, to judge from the clothes displayed in Paris last week by French designers at SEHM, the annual international menswear exhibition.

Not only in the use of color — vivid primary colours were well in evidence — but also in the looser, more relaxed shapes derived directly from sports clothes. *Marcel Lassance*, for example, showed baby blouses like mountaineers' jackets, made of waterproof fabric with multiple pockets. These were sometimes worn over more traditional jackets and matching trousers.

Yves St. Laurent who, with his own factory now fully operational, aims at a turnover of over 200 million francs for suits, sweaters and shirts, featured white cotton blouses with bold dark blue bands and dark blue trousers, or an all-white outfit of jeans-styled trousers teamed with boxy jacket trimmed with fine stripes of dark blue.

The collection of *Daniel Hechter*, which was bursting with gay color combinations, was based directly on different sports: hiking (orange, pink, green and blue cotton jackets with turned-back cuffs and collars in contrast colours); flying (very chic paratrooper-style shirts tucked into trousers in matching cotton so that with plenty of zips — some even horizontally around the hips forming pockets — they looked just like jumpsuits); and surfing (pastel coloured bermuda shorts worn with matching jackets, long white socks and tennis shoes). All the materials were soft and the shapes very comfortable and easy to wear.

Some designers such as *Cacharel* and *Cerrutti* have designed completely separate sportswear lines for next Spring/Summer. *Cacharel* against a suitably summer background of palm trees and white garden chairs, offered lively variations on tennis, sailing and training clothes or bronzed, athletic American models. The shapes were classically sporty, but the outline was slimmer, the bold stripes fresher and the overall effect smarter.

A great contrast was provided at *Cerrutti*, who next year celebrates its centenary, between the formal suits of 1881 specially remade for the occasion and the sports-inspired clothes of today. Nino Cerrutti, grandson of the founder of the firm, is convinced that soon there will not be room for middle-of-the-road clothes — just a division between city wear and sport.

Not surprisingly, sports champions themselves have been asked to contribute designs for their particular sport. Included in *Cerrutti*'s collection was ski-wear designed by Swedish Olympic star *Ingemar Stenmark*, and *Jimmy Connors* is currently thinking up ideas for tennis clothes for the Italian company. *Guy Laroche*, who after all designed *Bjorn Borg*'s clothes for his recent weddings, is also concentrating on sportswear.

Fishing was the sport that provided a theme for *Jeff Sayre*'s collection. Not only were many of his sweaters adorned with motifs of fish or shells, but he featured fishermen's yellow parkas and his colours smacked of the sea and river: turquoise, sand, green, grey. In all, a bold attempt at clothes for the man with an active life.

Jeff Sayre, American-born but now one of the most popular designers in Paris, says his Spring/Summer collection is "the biggest color statement I've ever made." In contrast, many of the other designers were showing safari jackets, or the "saharienne" as it is known in Europe, in pale, understated colours. *Lucien Focell* uses it to bridge the gap between city and leisure wear; his safari jackets had raglan sleeves, comfortable shoulders and natural unbelted waistlines. For *Marcel Lassance* the colonial influence is shown more in the choice of light, airy fabrics and cream/white/khaki and tan colours than in specifically African safari styling.

Africa did feature in almost all the shows, however, in brightly-coloured jungle print Bermuda shorts and swimming costumes. For the beach, *Christian Dior Monsieur* showed matching boxer shorts and shirts in violet, green, red and rust. These colours were also echoed in his dramatic evening wear. For example, a dinner suit consisting of a red linen blazer and black linen trousers with a red stripe down the side. Or black blazer with parma violet trousers and mustard silk shirt. Menswear, incidentally, now forms 32% of the total turnover of the Dior business empire.

Blazers were very prominent for the more formal side of life: *Francesco Smalto* showed striped ones with cream revers and cream trousers; *Cardin* had double-breasted check ones; while *Lanvin* stuck to more traditional navy blue with dark cream trousers and a finely-checked shirt.

On the whole, the look for Spring/Summer, 1981 is now definitely more Continental than American in both color and style. One or two designers still cling to the 1950s American look, however.



FASHION: Yves Saint-Laurent designed this navy blue trousers and T-shirt in cotton, with matching blue and white blouson jacket.

Denies freedom of association Antiboycott laws challenged

By Shirley Kowitz
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON — A large U.S. manufacturer is challenging U.S. antiboycott legislation in the U.S. court system.

Briggs and Stratton Corporation, a Delaware-based manufacturer of internal combustion engines, and Michael Hamilton, vice president of international sales at Briggs, have filed a civil suit against Philip W. Klutznick, secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Robert E. Herzstein, assistant secretary for industry and trade at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Benjamin R. Civiletti, U.S. attorney general, and President Jimmy Carter on grounds that Briggs has been denied freedom of speech and association and deprived of property without due process of law in violation of the First, Fifth and Ninth Amendments of the U.S. Constitution.

"It is our contention that the Export Administration Act is invalid," Elwin J. Zarwell, general counsel for Briggs and Stratton said.

The Export Administration Act forbids any "United States person" to furnish information that supports a boycott imposed by a foreign country with which the United States is friendly. Although the act mentions no specific country, it is generally used to prohibit U.S. companies from answering questions from Middle East countries about the companies' association, if any, with Israel.

Briggs' was placed on the Arab League of States "blacklist".

The penalty for answering such a boycott inquiry, according to the rules and regulations of the Export Administration act are up to \$10,000 for each violation and revocation of the authority to export goods.

Briggs exported \$15 million worth of

engines to the Mideast in its fiscal year ending June 1980, according to a complaint filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, and these sales account for the employment of more than 100 people at their Wisconsin plant.

According to Zarwell, the repercussions financially to the company go beyond their sales to the Mideast, however.

"Our engines are not an end product, but are used by manufacturers in Europe, the United States and Japan, in a variety of products, such as lawn mowers, garden tractors, etc. These are manufactured in an assembly line process and the products are shipped all over the world. Because the assembly line is standardized, these manufacturers cannot use our engine regardless of its final destination, if they plan to ship any to the Mideast. It affects our sales far more than just our Mideast export figures," he explained.

Zarwell said it was too soon to have a dollar figure on the company's losses, but it would be "substantial." Several of their European customers have notified the firm that they can no longer use the engine as a component part in products that would be shipped to other countries as well as Arab countries, he said.

"That is not even the whole story, though," Zarwell said. "There is also a hard-to-define dollar loss from providing replacement parts and service that would be generated from the initial sale of the engines."

Briggs and Stratton is the second U.S. firm to file suit against U.S. antiboycott legislation. The Trane Company, a Wisconsin-based air-conditioning manufacturer, filed "essentially the same suit" in 1978, according to Zarwell.

The Trane suit which is still pending, was recently transferred to the Eastern District of Wisconsin District Court, the same court as the Briggs suit.

Zarwell said he did not know when the case would be heard.

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DISASTROUS STRUGGLE

Whatever reasons have been given for the present war between Iran and Iraq, and whatever its consequences, the interest of the Arab and Islamic worlds is in its immediate termination. The only perspective from which the war can be regarded is that of the common struggle against the common enemy, and looked at from within it, the Iraqi-Iranian struggle is nothing short of disastrous. Only Israel benefits from such struggles, when brother Muslims turn their weapons against each other rather than against the desecrators of the holy shrine and oppressors of the Palestinians.

The voice that has to be heard at the moment is that of Habib Al Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of Islamic Conference, when he called for an immediate cease-fire and offered mediation by the Islamic countries aiming at a peaceful solution to the dispute. Chatti's call has to be supported by the Arab countries as a whole: Arabs and Muslims need urgently to stanch the flow of Muslim blood in the area and to direct all available forces to the real battle front — against the Zionists.

If Israel is the first beneficiary from such a struggle — and it has sufficient reason for joy in Iraq, which provides the strategic depth of the Arab East both militarily and geographically, being turned away from the battlefield — there are others with reasons to rejoice. The Soviet Union looks to Iran as the "sick man of the Middle East," and its disintegration as a state would make it ripe for "Afghanistanization." The United States would use the chaotic state of the area to place its military presence there, under the pretext of securing the flow of oil.

The reason that Iran and Iraq are now at war really pale beside the cost of the war to the hopes and aspirations of the Islamic and Arab worlds. Yet one cannot but say to Iran that it is particularly required to reconsider its policies and attitudes to the rest of the area. The former Shah earned a great deal of hostility by assuming the role of the policeman of the area — while the revolutionary regime, instead of abrogating this utterly, merely changed the role to that of the area's incendiary.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

The weekend newspapers led with stories on the Iraqi-Iranian battle. *Al-Jazirah* ran as its lead a report of a telephone call from King Khaled to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq, in which the monarch expressed his concern and brotherly feelings to the Iraqi leader. *Okaz* declared that the Arabs stand by Iraq, and in another prominent story, quoted President Carter as saying "we would not allow the closure of the Straits of Hormuz." *Al-Nadwa* reported a naval encounter in Shatt Al-Arab between the Iraqi and Iranian navies, while *Al-Yam* led with the Iraqi forces' further advance into the Iranian territory and quoted the Iranian President as acknowledging the supremacy of the Iraqi army.

Newspapers spread on their front pages war reports highlighting the Iraqi thrust on the Iranian forces. In a front-page story *Al-Nadwa* reported that PLO Chief Yasser Arafat was in Iraq for consultations with the Iraqi leadership and was expected to visit Tehran to discuss a ceasefire. In a prominent front-page story, *Okaz* flashed the U.S. denial of supplying arms spare parts to Iran. It also reported the Syrians denying supplying arms to Iran. *Al-Jazirah* gave page-one treatment to the celebrations in North Yemen to mark the 18th anniversary of its September revolution.

Newspaper editorials highlighted the meetings of the Muslim World League in Mecca, saying the league has given a new vision to the support for the holy war. The paper stressed the importance of Arab unity and described it as the most effective

weapon in encountering any hostile attempt on Arab security. The papers also dwelled on the U.N. General Assembly's session and said its delegates are discussing the Middle East issue from the standpoint of Camp David's failure in the realization of peace in the region.

Al-Jazirah reported in an editorial the chance that the U.N. General Assembly to suspend Israel's membership in the world body. The paper noted the increasing criticism of the Israeli policy by several foreign ministers of the member countries. It reiterated that their strong criticism supports the belief that mere condemnations or threats of applying sanctions would not deter the Israeli government from taking actions against the Palestinian Arabs. The paper hoped that Israel's activities would bring to the situation further tension in the region and would permanently threaten the world's peace and security. The paper also observed that a reconsideration of Israel's membership to the United Nations had become a necessity, in view of the great threat to world peace and security and the usurpation of the legitimate rights of the people of the area.

Dealing with the Arab unity, *Okaz* noted that Arab history provides enough testimony that their unity and strength had been their most weapons against any attempt on the Arab security. It reiterated that the conspiracies of the world Zionist forces and other hostile powers force the Arabs to take a united stance which would help them repel

anyone threatening the legitimate rights of the Arabs to a peaceful and stable life. The paper cautioned that the current threatening situation has been intended to keep Arabs from playing their role in their crucial issue with the Zionists. The paper also called upon the Arabs to avoid such policies which affect adversely Arab progress and help weaken Islamic unity and solidarity, which is the best weapon to protect the Islamic interests in the world.

Okaz said in an editorial that Islamic countries are striving to take a positive step in the light of Crown Prince Fahd's call. The Islamic nation's positive steps would help it realize its objectives, which formed a major part of the deliberations of the Muslim World League in Mecca, the paper said. It added that the Muslims are convinced of the need for the call for the holy war, which has been made at a time when the superpowers are engaged in a fight for supremacy and the Zionists are revelling in their bloody games.

Commenting on the U.N. General Assembly's present trend, *Al-Jazirah* noted that the countries of the world have almost unanimously agreed to condemn Israel for its actions and its declaration on the status of Jerusalem. The tenor of speeches in the General Assembly session further confirm that the U.N. member countries are concerned with world peace and security and are convinced of the failure of the Camp David accords in bringing peace and stability in the Middle East.



Eritrea fighters posing threat to Mengistu

By Dan Connell

OUTSIDE AFABET, Eritrea — When the Soviet Union and Cuba swept into Ethiopia three years ago, the entire balance of power in Africa's strategic Horn appeared to be shifting in their favor. Today the situation looks quite different.

The United States has cultivated new relations with a ring of states around Ethiopia, from Sudan through Kenya to Somalia. Perhaps more importantly, a growing number of nationalist movements within Ethiopia itself is providing a mounting threat to the Soviet-backed Addis Ababa regime. Nationalists in the province of Eritrea have managed to frustrate a series of major Ethiopian military offensives in the Red Sea coastal territory, and they now appear to have a slight military advantage over the estimated 50,000 to 60,000 government troops based there.

The rapidly growing guerrilla movement in neighboring Tigre province has also offered the central government a serious military and political challenge, and the emergence of the Oromo movement in southern Ethiopia may prove to be the last straw. There are strong indications that these disparate nationalist movements are seeking a formal united front. Such an alliance could not only topple the military junta of Col. Mengistu Mariam but could be the death blow to Soviet influence in the region.

These movements appear also to oppose any Western influence, and the West has so far done nothing to help them.

In a month-long tour of the Eritrean war zone, I have found the fighters optimistic that the 19-year war for independence may be finally turning in their favor.

For the past six months, the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) has been training and arming recruits for both the Tigre People's Liberation Front (TPLF) and the Oromo Liberation Front (OLF), according to guerrilla leaders here.

They have also begun daily radio contact with the Tigrean fighters to coordinate their military operations, and there is talk of setting up a concrete agreement among EPLF, TPLF, OLF, and other anti-government forces which could include the Western Somali Liberation Front (WSLF) in Ethiopia's southeastern Ogaden region, as well as opposition groups within the Addis Ababa capital.

"We are optimistic that we will be able to form a united, joint struggle against the junta," said EPLF Political Bureau member Sehlat-Efram during an interview near the battlefield. "We are ready to do anything for the consolidation of this unity."

The main problem for the Eritreans is the continuing disunity within the Eritrean movement itself. Relations between the powerful EPLF and the smaller Eritrean Liberation Front (ELF) have now deteriorated. EPLF leaders charge their rival with breaking a three-year-old merger agreement

and attacking their forces from the rear during the last six months.

Six ELF defectors interviewed here claim they had not been ordered to fight against Ethiopia since 1978. Instead, they say, their leaders have been mobilizing for war with the EPLF while initiating talks with Ethiopia and the Soviet Union to reach a compromise to end the war.

However, the rapidly disintegrating ELF appears to offer little military threat to the other movements.

The deserters say ELF forces now number less than 5,000 men. EPLF leaders say that 830 ELF deserters have joined them so far this year, and they predict a continuing outflow.

A series of limited Ethiopian attacks here in August was repulsed by the EPLF and fighting by Tigrean and Somali nationalists elsewhere in the fragile Ethiopian empire appears to have forestalled a renewal of the offensive.

During the past three weeks, TPLF leaders say, the government has doubled the size of its force in Tigre to over 40,000 troops in order to launch a campaign there.

Increased counter-insurgency activity is also reported by the OLF in the south, though the Oromo nationalists do not appear to be engaging the government on anywhere near the scale of the Eritreans and the Tigreans. — (OFNS)

NATO at war over spending cuts

By Julian Isherwood

Norway and its command of the Kola peninsula — the Warsaw Pact's back door — very difficult.

The military aspects of the apparent reluctance of Norway and Denmark to follow NATO wishes are serious enough. But it is the political principles which are causing the greatest headaches at NATO headquarters.

The fear is that what has been termed "Denmarkization" by the West German press may spread to other NATO countries.

While the generals say they can carry out their contingency planning and tell the politicians their minimum needs for the defense of their countries, the politicians, in the present economic and political climate, seem unwilling to follow their advice.

The Danish government has announced it wants a zero growth in the defense budget in a new agreement with opposition parties. Although military expenditure is inflation-linked, the nature of Danish defense and its maintenance needs mean that such a political solution would involve a severe cutback in the defense forces.

The word "Denmarkization" has brought stern comment from Prime Minister Anker Joergensen and Foreign Minister Kjeld Olesen, who object to it as describing a country wanting the benefits of cooperation with NATO but not willing to pay for them. Olesen recently made a speech in which he translated "Denmarkization" as being a wish to

start a process of the balancing of defense expenditure and foreign aid programs.

Quoting the much-used figures from the Brandt Report, Olesen told the Social Democratic Party congress that the developed countries were spending far too much money on defense and far too little on development aid.

But the major factor in "Denmarkization" is that Denmark simply cannot afford to increase its defense budget. The dire straits of the Danish economy, coupled with the politically impossible decision of reducing welfare spending in favor of higher military spending, make the Denmark-NATO debate purely academic.

The economic crisis has caused the Danes to look for areas in which they can save every penny. In a basically anti-military country, the defense budget is always the most vulnerable. Not even a confidential exchange of letters between the American Defense Secretary, Harold Brown, and the Minister for Defense, Poul Soegaard, has been able to save the defense budget.

Brown warned that zero growth would, due to its drastic effect on the Danish defense forces, remove the possibility of the U.S. Marines being able to help Denmark in a moment of crisis, the implication being that Denmark, a mere two minutes' flying time away from Warsaw Pact bases, would be immediately lost. (OFNS)

How China coped with its 'Gdansk'

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON — The Chinese authorities, like the Poles, are confronting trade union unrest among shipyard workers. A party newspaper in Tianjin recently carried readers' letters and the text of an investigation into malpractices at a local shipyard. According to the report the Communist Party "monopolized trade union elections...and forcefully imposed the ideas of a small number of leaders on trade union members." The paper charges the cadres with "feudal practices and leadership."

One letter describes how the union nominated some 20 candidates for the yard's administration. Eight of these represented a sizeable majority of union members. Nonetheless, the party branch deleted three of the names and put up a different list of candidates.

Despite the party's efforts, the union's own candidates polled more than all but one of the officially selected ones — it assumed that the workers wrote their names on to the ballots — but the party branch refused to certify the election results.

Resulting union complaints were passed up to the Tianjin Municipal Federation of Trade Unions, which in its subsequent report criticized the branch for undemocratic practices. After a new election, four of the five winners were not from the original list selected by the party branch.

There have been problems elsewhere, too. The Harbin Trade Union federation forum declared that "the key to enlivening trade union work lies...in safeguarding the democratic rights of staff and workers."

Some comrades, the *Workers Daily*, reports, are afraid to defend the protective function of unions. They claim that to do so would be to admit that differences exist between unions and administration. In the past, the paper says, such an admission would have attracted unfavorable attention.

The *Workers Daily* insists that it is time to recognize the differences, reminding its readers the Deng Xiaoping and other senior leaders have called on trade unions "to speak for workers."

Even in 1978, at the third plenary session of the 11th Central Committee, attention had been directed to "the over-concentration of authority" in economic management. Since then, reports from all over China have emphasized local control, which has increased under Deng Xiaoping and his disciple Zhao Ziyang, elected as premier recently.

At a Chongqing factory which makes hairdressing equipment, for instance, the new director is a worker who nominated himself as one of the candidates for the job. Workers in the factory, the *Peking Review* reports, now make all budgetary decisions. — (OFNS)



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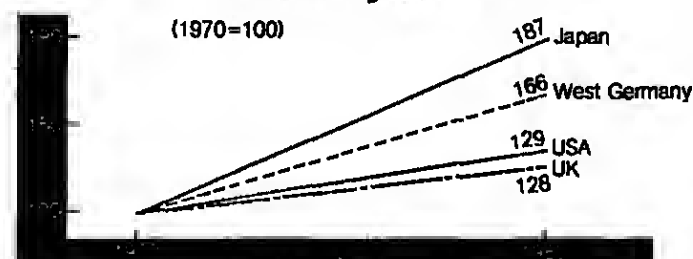
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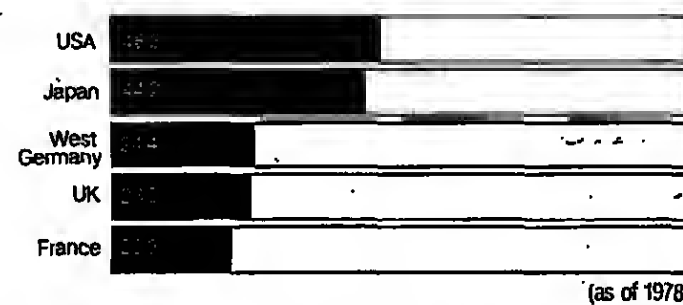


The Japanese industries have faced a number of economic difficulties in recent years—the energy crises, economic stagflation, the yen appreciation, and so on. Continuing efforts to increase productivity through various rationalizations have allowed Japan to maintain its highest labor productivity in the world.

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- High worker morale
- High level of education
- Good government/business cooperation

High Level of Education (% of College Graduates)

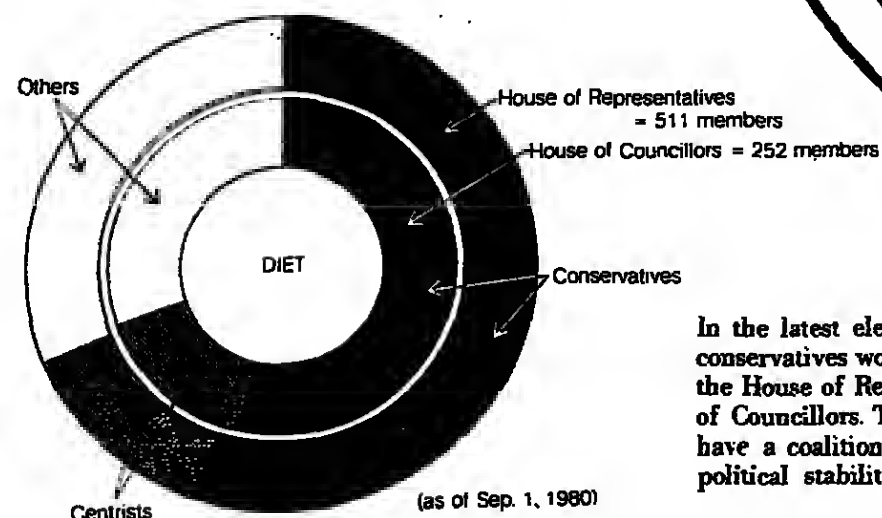


The labor force in Japan is both highly educated and well-trained. Such skilled labor contributes greatly to the production of high quality goods.

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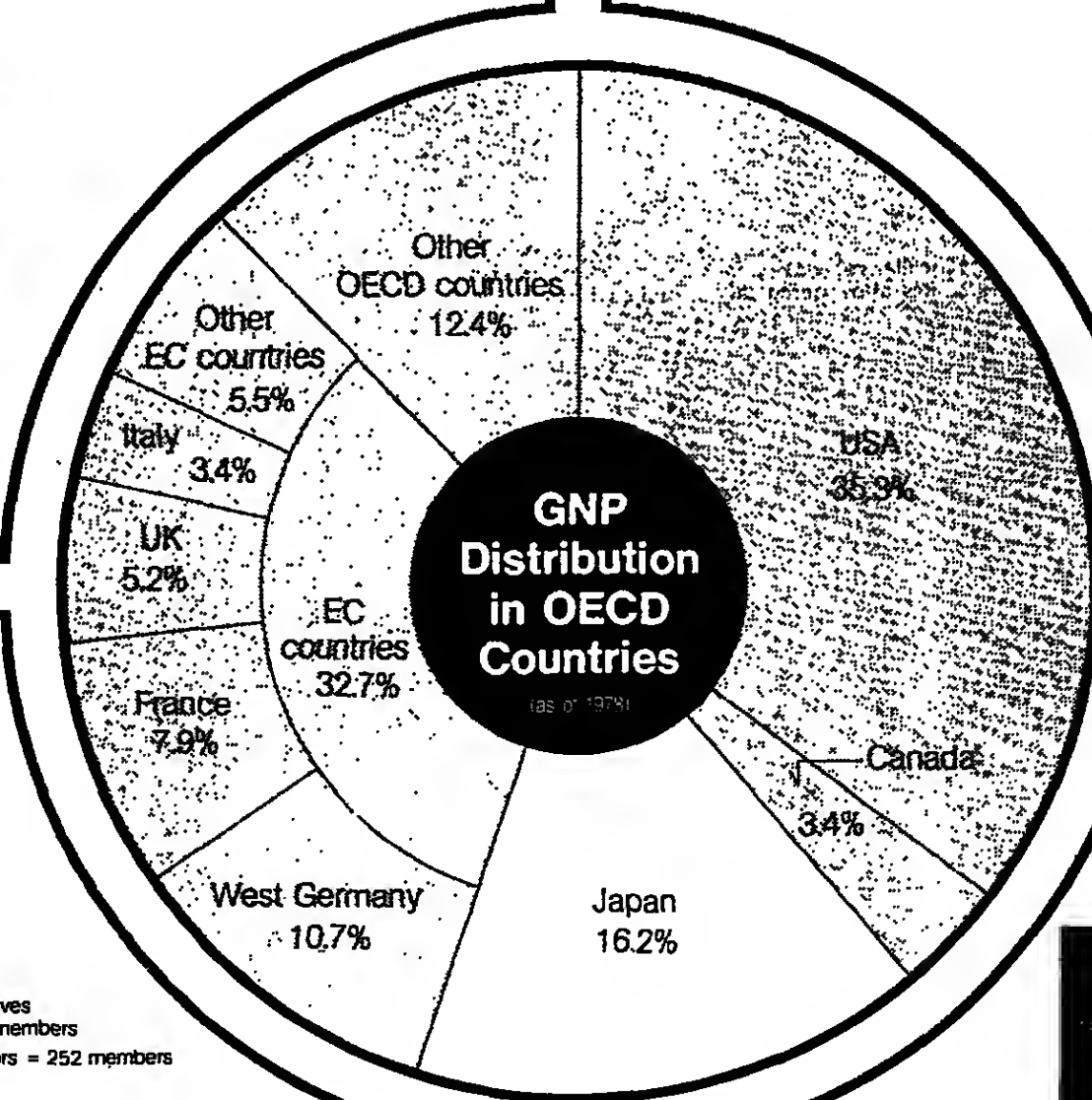
- Stable conservative government
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Political Distribution after the Latest Election



In the latest election, held in July 1980, the conservatives won decisive majorities in both the House of Representatives and the House of Councillors. The fact that Japan does not have a coalition government assures its political stability.

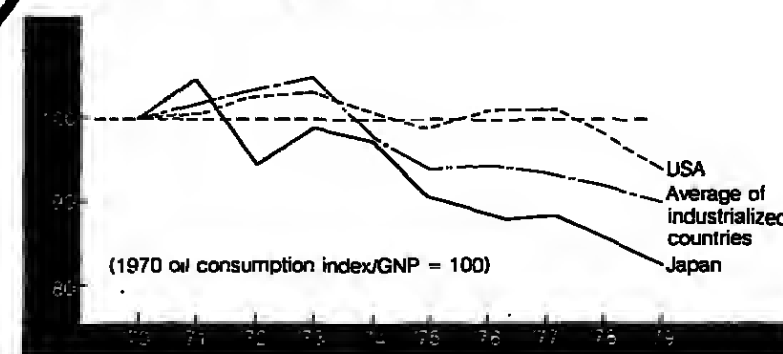
GNP Distribution in OECD Countries



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- High energy-saving consciousness (Target: 7% saving per year)
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Muskie, Gromyko okay arms talks

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 26 (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko have reached agreement to open superpower negotiations for a cutback in nuclear missiles in Europe.

The agreement was to open negotiations in Geneva the week of Oct. 13 on a mutual cutback of medium-range nuclear missiles. "What progress will be made remains to be seen," Muskie said Thursday. But he stressed that the decision to negotiate over arms limitation even while relations are sour shows Soviet commitment to easing nuclear tensions.

In Vienna meanwhile, the 22nd round of the seven-year-old East-West talks on a reduction of forces in central Europe opened Thursday with no apparent sign of a first-stage agreement in sight.

Spokesmen of East and West met the press after the 24th plenary session, each calling on the other not to hinder an agreement. Ambassador Emil Koblussek, the head of the Czechoslovak delegation, said that in order to reach an agreement "political will and a constructive approach" of all participants was necessary.

A Western spokesman said Luxembourg

Ambassador Edouard Molitor addressed the plenary session and made it clear that an agreement could only be reached when the data issue and associated measures were settled. The data issue, so proved a stumbling block.

Western estimates say the Soviet side has an advantage of 150,000 men in the reduction area. This, coupled with geographic advantage, which makes Soviet forces stationed in central Europe and those in the Soviet Union one single integrated force, would give the East an even greater advantage if the data issue was not solved correctly.

Specifically, the Eastern side is being asked to provide clear answers to Western questions on troop strength and other figures on Soviet forces, the Western spokesman explained.

The East so far maintained that the difference in the manpower was negligible and that ground and air forces of the two alliances were about equal.

Koblussek pointed out that the West had received "updated numerical data on manpower" and that the time had now come to formulate "in a businesslike manner, point by point, the concrete text of the first stage agreement."



ELATED: Frenchman Gerald d'Abouville, joined by his son, completes a trans-Atlantic crossing in a five-meter rowboat. He claimed a crossing time of 71 days, 23 hours, a new record.

Meant for Cambodians

Official said seed profiteer

BANGKOK, Sept. 26 (AFP) — Tense discussions at ambassadorial level were held at the U.S. Embassy Thursday as a massive scandal threatened to erupt in connection with the sale of seeds destined for starving Cambodian refugees.

A senior U.S. government official from the world-wide American assistance program, the Agency for International Development (AID), was arrested in a Washington hotel room this week by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents as he was allegedly in the process of accepting a \$9,000 payoff.

George Warner, a high-ranking officer in AID working out of Thailand, allegedly extorted more than \$100,000 from brokers here who were supplying relief programs with rice seeds for distribution to the enormous influx of starving Cambodian refugees along Thailand's eastern frontier. Warner is charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States government.

Warner is alleged to have extorted the money from the local company which buys the rice seed and distributes it by threatening to switch brokers unless he was paid sizable kick-backs.

The fraud involves United Nations agencies to whom Warner was seconded during his time in Thailand.

AID usually works separately from the United Nations, and has in fact been operating in Thailand for several years. But when the refugee crisis here arose, the U.S. government provided funds which were made available to the U.N.'s World Food Program (WFP), based in Rome. Warner was seconded to the WFP about nine months ago.

The WFP normally works on a tender system, but this time two voluntary agencies,

Care and World Relief, offered to buy the rice seeds for the program. Their request was approved, and they passed the invoices to him. He passed them on to the U.S. Embassy, where they were cleared.



TREASURE: Divers descend into waters off Japan in search of a warship sunk in the Russo-Japanese conflict 75 years ago. The ship is said to be laden with gold and other precious metals.

Senate approves, 48-46,

U.S. to ship India N-fuel

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (AP) — In a foreign policy victory for President Jimmy Carter, the Senate has voted 48-46 to permit shipment of 38 tons of enriched uranium to India, which diverted U.S. nuclear material in 1974 and used it to detonate an atomic bomb.

The vote came after one of the most thorough and contested Senate debates in years. It was marked by personal and extensive telephone lobbying by Carter, who suffered a sharp setback last week when the house refused to go along with the sale. A vote by both houses against the sale was required to stop the transaction.

Leaders of the drive to block the sales said that permitting them would "eviscerate" U.S. efforts world wide to stop the spread of

nuclear weapons because India has refused to agree to safeguards aimed at blocking diversion of the fuel to weapons use.

Zimbabwe bars Walls

SALISBURY, Sept. 26 (R) — Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe has said that former military commander Lt. Gen. Peter Walls would be barred from returning to the country. The government was to take the unprecedented step Friday of amending the emergency powers act to prohibit Walls from returning.

Mugabe told the senate, "This is going to affect General Walls. The government does not intend to act arbitrarily."

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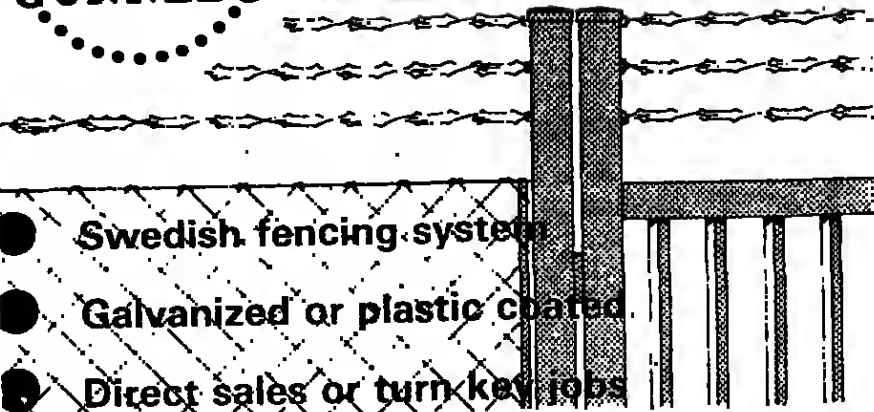
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Good health from honey, nettles

Sick Soviets rely on granny's nostrums

MOSCOW, Sept. 26 (WP) — The Soviet Union is a land of 200 million doctors. Live there a while and you find that every man, woman and child over the age of 12 is a walking compendium of cures.

Occupants of new high-rise apartments from Moscow to Novosibirsk may have left behind their babushka's rural izba and woodburning stove, but not her time-tested remedies for runny noses and rheumatism.

There are outpatient clinics within walking distance of most apartment blocks in Soviet cities. Doctors regularly make house calls for the patient who is running a temperature. But most everyone dips into grandma's medicine bag before seeking professional advice. Russians devoutly prefer to avoid "chemistry" in medication if at all possible, and they promptly offer counsel to each other and to the foreigner who is looking peaked.

Soviets watch for the slightest symptom of ill health with the vigilance of the party activist sniffing out unorthodoxy. One can obtain five-day medical leave for a fever of 99.6, or lesser indications of the onset of disease.

Few are reluctant to stay home, but all dread the hospital. Wards are crowded, nursing care minimal and grudging, the food lousy. Sophisticated medicines are difficult to get, and of uncertain quality. These problems bolster the national attraction to the home medic and his domestic remedies.

Preventive care and cures for the common cold, of course, come first in these chilly climes. As soon as fall arrives, Moscow home physicians think and shop vitamins — not pills, but fruits and vegetables. In addition to the staple nutrient-providers — apples, turnips and cabbage — September fills the peasant markets with Vitamin C-rich cranberries, pomegranates from central Asia and — most valuable of all — black currants.

Chopped raw and conserved with sugar, these nuggets of good health are popped "just in case," with all Linus Pauling's enthusiasm for massive doses of Vitamin C pills. But if you can't find or afford berries, garlic and onion in large chunks also keep germs away — not to mention your neighbor on the metro.

When the inevitable cold strikes, the Russian icebox and cupboard shelf hold just about everything believed needed to fight-back. First comes a good cup of tea with raspberry jam, or a brew of linden leaves with honey. This is supposed to bring the fever pouring out, while your Soviet home practitioner prepares a mustard plaster (3 cents for 10 small sandpaper-like sheets) for your chest and sprinkles mustard powder in thick wool socks for your feet.

To soothe the scratchy throat, nothing, the Soviet homemaker believes, beats warm milk with butter, Borzhomi mineral water or honey. But the piece de resistance is onion juice for the acutely stuffed-up nose. Two drops per nostril from an onion freshly grated over cotton can clear the head with explosive force.

Honey serves a predominantly medicinal purpose in the Soviet Union. A Russian friend was scandalized to see two American visitors slathering it on their toast. "It will make them sweat, weaken their bodies and subject them to chills," she cautioned. At \$6 a pound at the market — there's almost none at state stores this bad harvest year — little wonder honey is carefully husbanded.

Muscle aches, lumbago, rheumatism and arthritis frequently trouble those toilers of heavy hags who travel the sidewalks and

subways of the Soviet Union. For them, babushka recommends lengthy sessions with heating packs of clean sand heated in oven or on radiator. Compresses of olive oil or rubbing alcohol at the back of the head or small of the back are believed to relieve blood-pressure headaches or pinched nerves. Wrapping leaves of the young nettle or burdock around sprained muscles, rheumatic joints or painful bunions is said to work miracles.

Such homeopathic medicine, or the use of curative herbs, has ancient roots in Russia.



DOPED?: If so, the meat from this cow is prohibited by law from being sold in Italian meat markets. The ban has angered lovers of veal calopo, which is practically a national dish in Italy.

Veal lovers back off

Italy bans 'doped' meat

ROME, Sept. 26 (AFP) — Police fraud squads were searching slaughter houses and refrigerating rooms for "doped" veal, after its nation-wide banning by a judge here Thursday. The veal calopo with spaghetti is practically Italy's national dish.

Veal is certainly the most expensive meat at \$15 a kilo and since the economic boom in the '60s has been a status dish. But all this could end with the new law forbidding the sale of veal which is the product of farmers giving their calves artificial hormones to make them increase weight abnormally.

A similar state of affairs in France has led to a nation-wide strike starting next Saturday. But their motive is slightly different. The union aims to change family eating habits by making them drop the costly veal and go for a more simple, economical and better dish. The union said that the country should drop its "vitella (veal) complex."

The health ministry has tried to defuse the tension by pointing out that 10,504 inspectors of veal this year had shown only 95 cases of "doping". Agriculture Minister Giovanni Marcora seized on this by telling the press, "A general accusation against farmers will only punish tens of thousands of honest ones who will lose heavily."

The veterinarians, accused of laxity in their inspections of calves — alive and after slaughter — have hit back to a statement at the Italian state's "indifference over control structures at national, regional and municipal levels." Farmers are angry at new measures which they claim "will seriously disturb the market for a long time because of the lack of inspectors."

Fortunato Turelli, secretary of the national Cattle Breeders Association, urged that Italy adopt meat laws used in the nine-nation European Common Market.

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Radiation risk lower than expected, scientists report

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (WP) — A new National Academy of Sciences report has concluded that the health threat posed by low-level nuclear radiation is considerably less than most scientists previously have calculated.

The report immediately became controversial, with a dissenting academy member — the author of a radiation report made only last year — saying that the risk, while low, is greater than the latest report says and "far from negligible."

The report set the stage by pointing out that the average person is exposed to only a fifth of a "rad" of radiation per year, half of it from natural sources in the earth and the air, half from medical and dental X-rays.

Exposure to one rad a year for an entire lifetime — far more than almost anyone is

exposed to — would cause a 3 to 8 per cent increase in deaths from cancer or about 5,000 to 13,000 excess deaths among a million persons, the report said. About 164,000 cancer deaths would normally be expected in a million people, it said.

Even such an increase would be detectable only "by statistical means," that is, by counting deaths in the entire population, the report said. "The cancer of any given person cannot be attributed with certainty to low-level radiation, and 'in general, the smaller the radiation dose, the smaller the likelihood that radiation was the cause.'"

The report was the latest and academy officials hoped, the last for the present of a series of so-called "BEIR reports" from the science academy's Committee on the Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation.

A report last year, written by a committee

headed by Dr. Edward Radford of the University of Pittsburgh, also placed low-level radiation — nuclear radiation, X-radiation and similar "ionizing" or cell-affecting rays — low on the scale of human risks, and much lower than a first academy BEIR report had estimated in 1972.

The 1979 report triggered a revolt by some committee members who claimed that it nonetheless overestimated low-level radiation's effects "by a factor of 10."

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U.S. oil surplus can last 164 days

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (LAT) — The United States has a surplus of oil supplies sufficient to withstand for 164 days a major interruption of petroleum imports equal to the 1973 Arab oil embargo, Deputy Secretary of Energy John Sawhill has said.

Sawhill delivered his optimistic assessment to a Senate subcommittee, against a background of spreading warfare between Iran and Iraq, two important oil-producing countries in the Middle East.

The United States has imported no Iranian oil since February and imports only 37,000 barrels daily Iraq — a tiny fraction of the 17.8 million barrels consumed in this country each day.

But Western Europe and Japan consume large volumes of oil from the warring states. An interruption of supplies because of a

hitting at refineries and oil fields could send world prices climbing, with a spillover effect on the United States.

In 1979, a mere 4 per cent shortage of Iranian oil in the United States was enough to precipitate a 160 per cent rise in the average price of crude oil.

Higher prices have cut the demand for gasoline and other petroleum products this year, and the recession has further curbed the American economy's appetite for petroleum. Primary stocks of crude oil and petroleum products, held at refineries, storage terminals and other locations maintained by oil companies, are near record levels, Sawhill told the investigations subcommittee of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee Monday.

The volume of oil on hand is 164 million barrels above last year's levels. During the oil

embargo, the United States was cut off for four months from imports totaling slightly less than 1 million barrels daily. Current supplies could "entirely offset a disruption of the size and length of the 1973 embargo" and still furnish another 40 days of protection, Sawhill said.

The petroleum stockpiles cited by Sawhill are owned and controlled by private oil companies, not by the government. However, the Department of Energy has the authority to order companies to distribute more gasoline and other products. That authority was not used during the crisis months of 1979, when gasoline lines formed at service stations in many cities.

If a new supply crisis hit the United States, the government would try to deal first by closely overseeing the oil companies' handling of their supplies. If lines developed, the first thing the government would do is strongly encourage companies to draw down their inventories. One Department of Energy official said.

This kind of approach is preferred by Sawhill and other top officials, although the department is considering a wide range of other steps to deal with any supply emergency, including:

— Using some of the oil in the strategic petroleum reserve storage caverns in Louisiana and Texas.

— Increasing production at the Elk Hills naval reserve in California.

— Encouraging states to enforce strictly the 55-mph speed limit.

— Establishing mandatory state energy conservation targets.

— Using various license plate or sticker plans to restrict drivers' freedom to buy gasoline.

Despite persistent questioning by Sen. Charles H. Percy, R-Ill., chairman of the subcommittee hearings, Sawhill refused to estimate the impact on oil prices of a major supply curtailment.

The Iran-Iraq conflict has erupted during an improved period of world oil supply. Total daily production is 2 million to 2.5 million barrels in excess of demand. The surplus production, rather than being immediately converted into products, is going into storage terminals.

Iraq exports three million barrels daily, while Iran sells 500,000 barrels a day, according to the latest Department of Energy estimates. Japan is the major customer for Iranian oil. Japan, France, Italy, Britain and West Germany import oil from Iraq.

U.S., Morocco discuss boosting economic links

By Bob Lebling

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 — American and Moroccan officials met here Wednesday to discuss the possible creation of a bilateral commission to expand political and economic cooperation between the two countries.

Morocco's Minister of Commerce and Industry, Azzedine Guessous, along with other Moroccan officials, explored the joint commission concept in an interagency conference with their American counterparts, according to the Moroccan embassy.

They also assessed on-going economic cooperation between various U.S. and Moroccan governmental agencies, the embassy said.

Guessous, on an official tour of the U.S., arrived here Tuesday from New York, where he conferred with top executives of such American firms as Citibank, U.S. Steel, Xerox, Union Carbide and the Chase Manhattan Bank.

Wednesday morning, he met here with his American counterpart, Commerce Secretary Philip Klutznick, before taking part in the interagency conference.

BRIEFS

TOKYO, (R) — Jordan has signed a contract here for a 8.69 billion yen (\$40.2 million) loan from the Japanese government's Overseas Economic Cooperation Fund. A fund spokesman said the loan, redeemable over 25 years including a seven-year grace period at an annual interest rate of 3.75 per cent, would be used to expand Jordan's telephone network.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a \$4.2 billion appropriations bill that would increase the U.S. share in the International Monetary Fund.

TURIN, Italy, (AP) — Industrial and commercial activities in this Italian auto capital and in the Piedmont region were halted for four hours Thursday by a strike to protest plans by Fiat to fire more than 14,000 workers. Meanwhile, a nationwide walkout of 1.5 metalworkers, in support of Fiat employees, halted the country's metalwork firms.

Expert tells Congress

Soviet Union still receiving high technology from U.S.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (AP) — An expert on East-West strategic trade has told the U.S. Congress that the Soviet Union is continuing to receive American high technology useful for military purposes despite the Carter administration's ban on such sales after the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

Miles M. Costik, president of the Institute on Strategic Trade, a non-partisan research organization, said that soon after the ban was imposed, the U.S. Commerce Department announced exceptions to the "no exceptions" policy.

One example, he said, was approval of the \$144 million sale of dresser industries technology for the manufacture of hard drilling bits. Costik said this technology has a dual purpose "which will assist the Soviets in the manufacturing of more efficient armor-penetrating projectiles."

He testified Thursday at a hearing on a bill to establish an independent office of strategic trade which would control U.S. exports of high technology with both civilian and military use. The author of the bill, Senator Jake Garn, has charged that under the detente policies of the past three U.S. administrations, the Soviet Union has been able to acquire and use high technical American knowhow to the detriment of U.S. security.

Costik listed other examples in which he said the Soviet Union was obtaining strategic data:

— The Soviets continue to obtain much needed technology by applying for, and in

many cases, being granted U.S. patents. — The Soviets continue to receive military manuals sent by the U.S. government under an international agreement. He said among such manuals sent this year were a navy manual entitled "missile technician," covering the maintenance and repair of guided missiles.

— Joint U.S.-Soviet research into magnet-hydrodynamic electrical generation continues, along with joint research in energy and steel.

— Two top Soviet scientists recently attended the quantum electronics conference on laser research in Boston. Fifty Soviet students have arrived in the U.S. this year, he said, to study science.

Costik said the U.S. administration was unable to secure the cooperation of its allies—France, West Germany and Japan in particular in halting the flow of high technology to the Soviet Union. "The best examples of this are: Franco-Soviet agreement on science, technology and trade; the new West German-Soviet trade agreement, and Japan's decision to return to the development of Soviet resources in 'seria,'" he said.

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Egyptian Pound	—	4.35	4.30
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	90.00	90.25
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Lebanese Lira (100)	—	97.20	96.80
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Pound Sterling	7.96	8.00	7.99
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Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.58
Spanish Peso (1,000)	—	49.00	45.75
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U.S. raises discount rate to 11%

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (R) — The U.S. Central Bank has raised the discount rate to 11 per cent from 10 per cent in an attempt to discourage too rapid a recovery from several months of recession.

The discount rate, set periodically by the Federal Reserve Board (Fed) or central bank, governs interest rates throughout the country.

Thursday's one per cent rise, announced after the New York Stock Market closed, comes at a time when financial officials say

3rd World urged to produce more food

LONDON, Sept. 26 (R) — Developing countries must give a higher priority to agriculture if they are to feed their populations and avoid the threat of a world food crisis, a British economic research group has said.

In a report on international trade in crops, the Economist Intelligence Unit said Thursday the world had the potential resources to feed all its people in the 1980s. But millions might still go hungry because of lack of money to buy grain and inadequate transport

the country is emerging from several months of recession.

In the past few weeks, interest rates have begun to rise again and the amount of money in circulation has risen beyond official guidelines.

The prime rate, which banks charge their best customers, rose to a record 20 per cent in April, then dropped to 11 per cent at the end of July before beginning to edge up again. Last Friday, the prime rate was fixed at 12½ per cent New York banks.

The solution for developing countries was to seek to produce more food themselves, the report said.

Lebanon approves \$1.47b budget

BEIRUT, Sept. 26 (R) — The Lebanese cabinet has approved a general budget for 1981 of about five billion pounds (\$1.47 billion) an increase of some one billion pounds (\$295 million) over this year's figure, official sources said.

The sources said the budget would be

referred to parliament for debate and final endorsement.

Defense allocations rose to 1.4 billion pounds (\$410 million), an increase of about 250 million pounds (\$73 million) on the year's figure.

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Ministry of P.T.T.	Sanitation of building complexes at the Institute of Radio and Telecommunications, Riyadh	10/400/401	100	Sept. 28
Ministry of Defense and Aviation	Extension and installation of co-axial cable in the Southern Province	25/400/401	1000	Oct. 8
Ministry of P.T.T. (Saudi)	Supply and maintenance of testing equipment	814	100	Sept. 28
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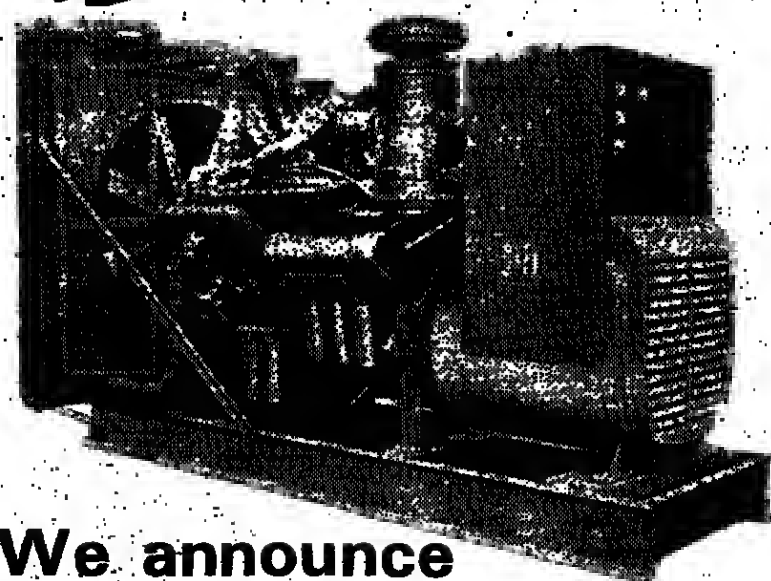
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Houston whips Atlanta

Giants' homers drop Dodgers

NEW YORK, Sept. 26 (AP) — Terry Whitfield and Darrell Evans slugged home runs to lead the San Francisco Giants to a 3-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers Thursday, beating Burt Hooton for the first time in four years.

The loss, coupled with Houston's 4-2 victory over Atlanta Thursday night, dropped the Dodgers nine games behind the first-place Astros in the National League West.

Joe Morgan drilled a two-run homer and an RBI single as Houston beat Atlanta and regained the lead in the NL West. Morgan drilled his 10th homer of the season in the third after pitcher Colan Ryan had singled to right field. Ryan, 10-9, went five innings before leaving with a back problem.

Reliever Dick Tidrow halted a ninth inning rally and the Chicago Cubs hung on for a 5-4 victory over the Montreal Expos, who drop-

ped one-half game behind first-place Philadelphia when the Phillies beat the New York Mets 2-1 Thursday night.

Trailing 5-1 going in the ninth, the Expos rallied for three runs against Chicago relief ace Bruce Sutter on Larry Parrish's RBI and Jerry White's two-run single. Tidrow relieved with runners at first and third and retired Rodney Scott to end the game.

Rookie Lonnie Smith's fifth inning single produced the decisive run as Philadelphia edged the Mets.

Ted Simmons hit two home runs, including his seventh career grand slam, and Jim Kaat scattered 11 hits to lead the St. Louis Cardinals in a 10-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Simmons hit both of his homers off loser Doo Robinson, 6-9, and Kaat raised his season record to 8-8 as the Cardinals dropped the Pirates to 4 1/2 games behind Philadelphia.

Vic Correll lined a two-out double in the 10th to drive in a pair of runs and give the Cincinnati Reds a 5-3 victory over the San Diego Padres. George Foster hit a one-out double off Dennis Kinne, 4-6. One out later, Ray Knight was internationally walked before Correll's double gave the Reds their sixth win in seven games, moving them 2 1/2 games behind Houston.

Cleveland left-hander Rick Waits, this year's Yankee killer, pitched the Indians to a 5-0 victory with a seven-hitter that saddled New York with only its fourth setback in 24 games this month.

Waits, 12-14 overall, is 9-14 with a 5.17 ERA against the rest of the league, but 3-0 with a 1.03 ERA against the Yankees. By ending Cleveland's longest losing streak of the season at seven games, as well as New York's four-game winning streak, Waits trimmed the Yankees lead over the idle Baltimore in the AL East to 4 1/2 games.

Mike Squires' two-run single in the eighth inning broke a tie and gave the Chicago White Sox a year victory over the Oakland A's in a game that featured seven errors and 14 walks.

Rookie Dave Edler's two-run bases-loaded double in the 11th inning scored three runs and gave the Seattle Mariners a 7-6 victory over the Texas Rangers. The win was the fifth in a row for the Mariners as Texas dropped its seventh straight.

Baseball Standings

National League	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	84	68	.553	—
Montreal	84	69	.549	1/2
Pittsburgh	80	73	.523	4 1/2
St. Louis	70	83	.458	14 1/2
New York	16	90	.152	21 1/2
Chicago	60	92	.395	24

Thursday's Games	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago 5, Montreal 4	85	69	.553	—
San Francisco 7, Los Angeles 2	85	69	.553	—
Cincinnati 5, San Diego 3	85	69	.553	—
Philadelphia 2, New York 1	85	69	.553	—
St. Louis 10, Pittsburgh 2	85	69	.553	—
Houston 4, Atlanta 2	85	69	.553	—

American League	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	98	55	.641	—
Baltimore	93	59	.612	4 1/2
Minnesota	82	72	.532	16 1/2
Boston	79	70	.528	17
Detroit	78	74	.513	19 1/2
Cleveland	73	77	.486	24 1/2
Toronto	64	88	.421	33 1/2

West	W	L	Pct.	GB
X-Kansas City	92	61	.601	—
Oakland	78	76	.506	21
Minnesota	71	82	.464	28
Texas	71	82	.464	28
California	64	87	.424	34
Seattle	63	88	.417	35
San Francisco	58	95	.379	39

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Chicago 6, Oakland 4	98	55	.641	—
Cleveland 5, New York 0	93	59	.612	4 1/2
Seattle 7, Texas 6, 11 innings	78	74	.513	19 1/2
(Only games scheduled)				



Joe Morgan

In World Cup qualifier

Austria overcomes Finland

LONDON, Sept. 26 (R) — Austria, who made such an unexpected impact on the 1978 World Soccer Cup in Argentina, took their first step towards the 1982 finals in Spain with a workmanlike 2-0 victory over Finland in a European group one tie in Helsinki Wednesday.

In other European qualifying matches, Romania was surprisingly held to a 1-1 draw by Norway in Oslo while Iceland outched up a shock 3-1 win in Turkey.

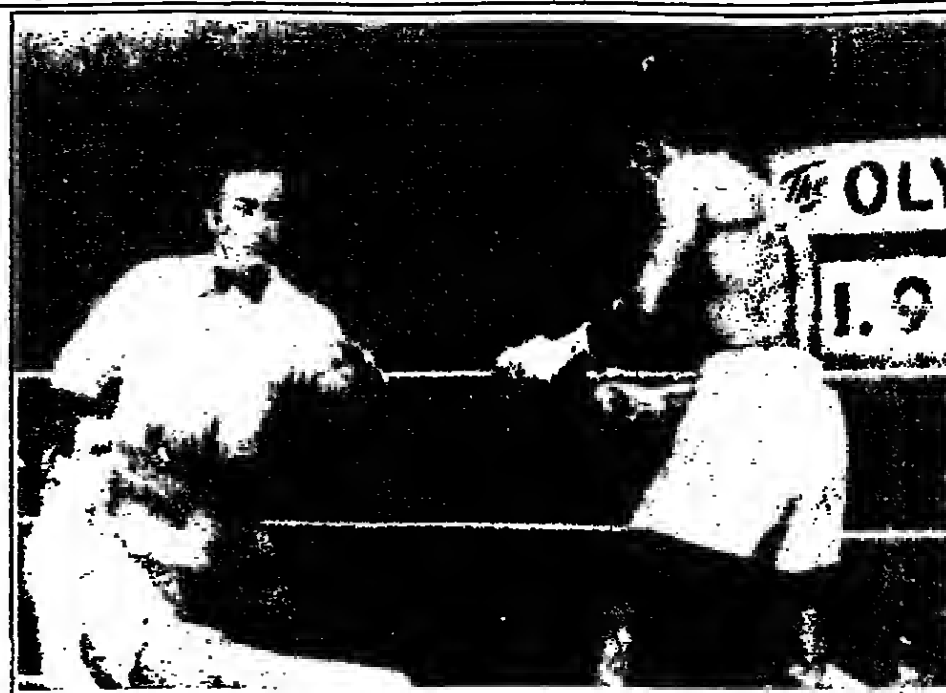
Austria were never in trouble after Kurt Jara shot them ahead in the 14th minute. Substitute Kurt Welz put the result beyond doubt when he added the second 13 minutes

from time.

Finland have now lost all their three games by 2-0 margins, losing at home to Bulgaria and away to Albania. The other nation in group one, West Germany, have yet to play.

Iceland have no chance of reaching the finals despite their fine showing in Turkey, having lost at home to Wales and the USSR 4-0 and 2-1 respectively. Czechoslovakia complete group three.

Norway, beaten 4-0 by England in the first group four match, were a vastly improved side against Romania who were fortunate to get one point. Hungary and Switzerland have still to play their opening games.



STILL CRITICAL: Briton Johnny Owen, right, falls to the canvas in Los Angeles Sept. 20 during a bantamweight title fight with Lape Plator. Owen's condition is still critical at a Los Angeles Hospital, where he underwent brain surgery immediately following the fight. He had been carried unconscious from the ring and hasn't regained consciousness since.

Lutz upsets Tanner

McEnroe eases by Amritraj

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 26 (AP) — Top-seed John McEnroe defeated 11th-seeded Vijay Amritraj of India 6-4, 6-3 Thursday night in the third round of a \$175,000 tournament.

Rose Tanner, seeded ninth, double-faulted on his last serve in go out to unseeded Bob Lutz, who took him 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (7-4). Lutz will now face Vince Van Patten.

McEnroe and Amritraj were tied with four games each in the first set when McEnroe won seven straight points to take the set. He broke Amritraj's serve twice in the second set.

"I play very well against him," McEnroe said. "He has a good record against other players, but he has never broken my serve much."

McEnroe said he thought his serve was off, but Amritraj said, "The strongest part of his game is his serve, and his second serve is one of the best in the game."

McEnroe, who will face Johano Kriek of South Africa in the quarter-finals, is looking for his third consecutive win in this annual tournament.

In afternoon matches, seventh-seeded Elliot Teltscher ousted three sets including a tiebreaker to defeat Walter Redondo, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-1).

In other second round action, 16th-seeded Mexican Raul Ramirez took Bruce Manson, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2. Tim Gulikson knocked out

Iran, S. Korea win in Asia Cup

KUWAIT, Sept. 26 (R) — Iran overwhelmed North Korea 3-2 Wednesday while South Korea outpaced a poor United Arab Emirates to win 4-1 in the seventh Asian Cup Football Tournament here.

Iran's five tactical play gave them three goals by the 60th minute from Hamid-Alidosti, Iraj-Danaeifar and Behtash-Arida.

But then they relaxed and the North Koreans fought their way back into the game with a goal from Hwang Sang Hoi in the 68th minute and another from Pok Jong Hun just before the final whistle.

The South Korea game against the United Arab Emirates (UAE) was altogether slower. Korea's four goals came more through the weakness of the opposition than their own brilliance.

Kuwait soundly beat Qatar 4-1 while China trounced Bangladesh 6-0.

Kuwait's first goal by Faisal Dekeel in the 34th minute rattled Qatar, and rough playing by the visiting team resulted in two warnings.

Dull play in 4-goal Ettihad win

By Laurie Thomas

JEDDAH, Sept. 26 — Four goals could not prevent many of the crowd from leaving before the final whistle as Al Ettihad crushed top UAE club Al Ahli in a lack-luster match Wednesday night.

Al Ahli was especially guilty of poor control and bad passing, and although both clubs were fielding under-strength sides due to international commitments, both teams played with a lethargy more typical of the end of season than the beginning.

The first goal came after only ten minutes. In a concerted attack on the Ahli goal the home team had 4 shots saved before Ahmed Biazid lobbed the ball over the badly positioned keeper.

Biazid's play on the left wing caused a good deal of trouble for the visitors defense and he played a part in three of the goals, actually scoring two (at 10 minutes, and 68 minutes).

Buker (34) and Faisal Hamid (73) were the other scorers.

Ettihad's finishing will again cause concern for coach Dittmar Crammer. As in Sundays match, Ettihad should have won by an even bigger margin.

They were however, without their German sharp-shooter Eric Beyer, who was injured in Sundays opening match against Ohud. He is now in Germany receiving treatment for an injured nerve in his left foot.

Meanwhile, Jeddah club Al Ahli opened their pre-season fixtures by humiliating Yanbu club Al Majid 8-0 before a small crowd at the Jeddah stadium Thursday night.

Al Majid was well below the standard necessary to test the home side even though Ahli was without their mid-field international Seghir and Dabu.

Motamed Khojali and Zeno Desirs, their Brazilian star, caused havoc among the visitors' defense, and both scored hat-tricks.

Goals by Al Harbi and player Marzook completed Majid's route.

FIFA bans matches in Iraq for 2 years

ZURICH, Sept. 26 (R) — The International Football Federation (FIFA) has banned international matches in Iraq for two years because a referee was shot at and robbed after an Olympic qualifying match in Baghdad, FIFA reported Thursday in its monthly bulletin.

The Iraqi football association has also been fined 5,000 Swiss francs (about \$3,300), the bulletin said.

FIFA said trouble flared up in the final of the Asian Group One Olympic qualifying tournament between Iraq and Kuwait in March after the Malaysian referee had awarded a penalty which enabled Kuwait to win the match 3-2. The bulletin said Joseph was attacked by spectators who invaded the pitch, and two Iraqi football officials later burst into his hotel room and shot at him with a revolver, "fortunately missing him."

Johnsson takes badminton thriller

LONDON, Sept. 26 (AP) — Sture Johnsson, the 34-year-old Swedish badminton international from Gothenberg, scored one of the finest victories of his career Wednesday, upsetting all-England champion Prakash Padukone of India in the Masters Tournament at the Royal Albert Hall.

Johnsson, a former European champion of great skills but declining mobility, won 11-15, 15-10, attacking brilliantly even when he was physically tired near the end.

Prakash, who beat the world No. 1 Lien Swie King of Indonesia to take the All-England title at Wembley earlier in the year, was more lethargic than usual but even when he recovered from 4-9 to 16-10 in the final game Johnsson was absolutely determined not to let him off the hook.

"I've never played him before and I was looking forward to it because I thought his style, less attacking than King's would suit me — and it did," said Johnsson.

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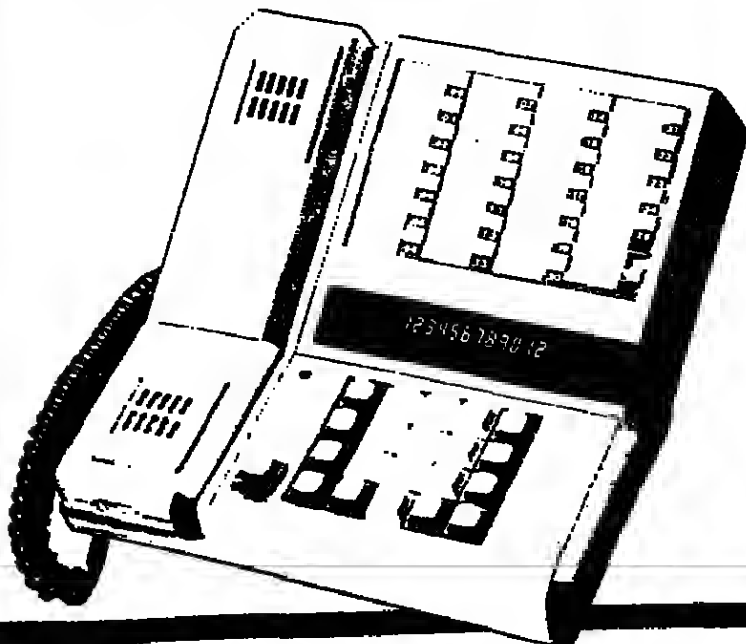
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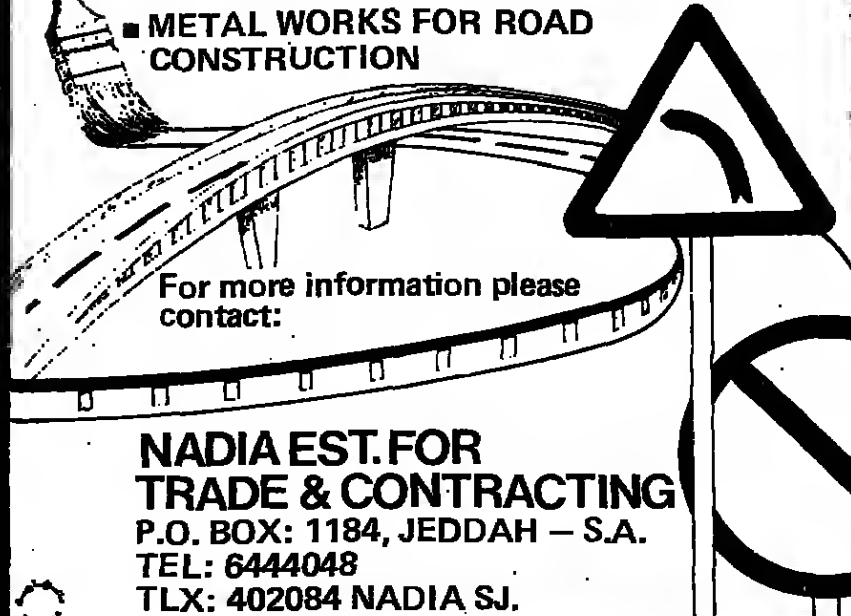
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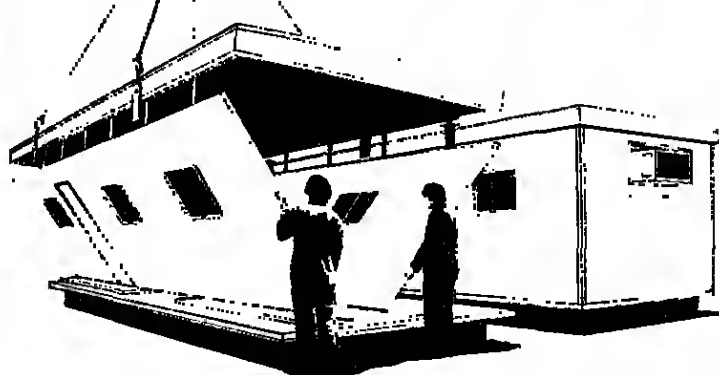
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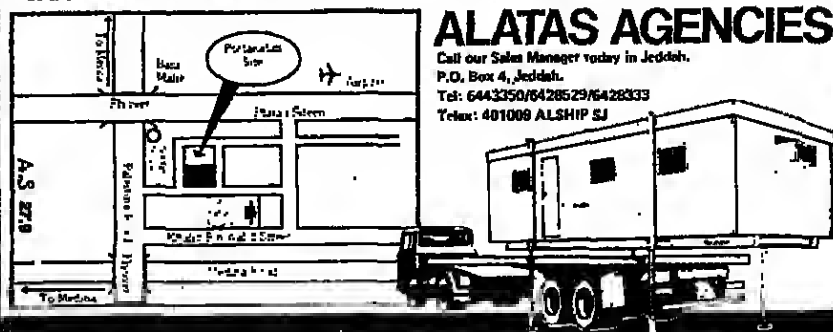
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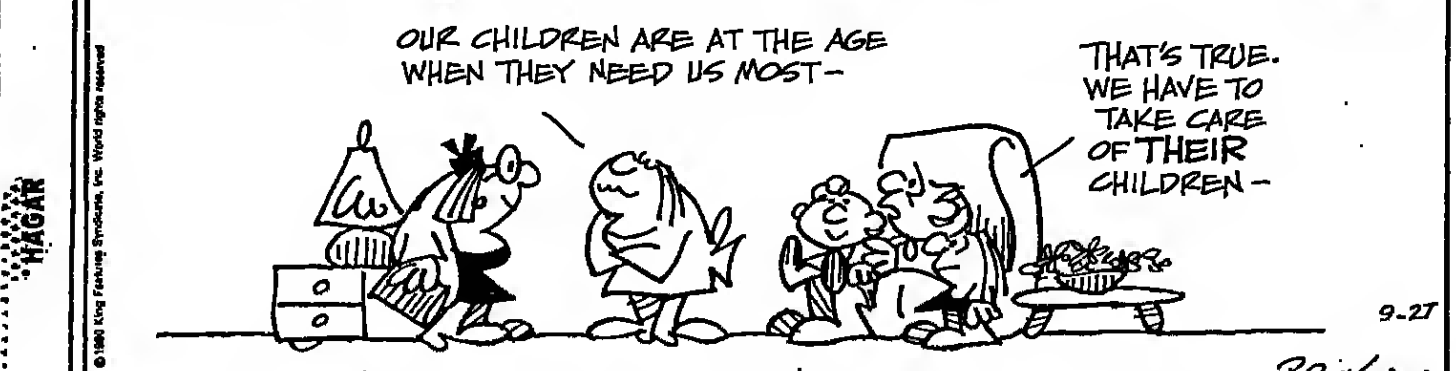
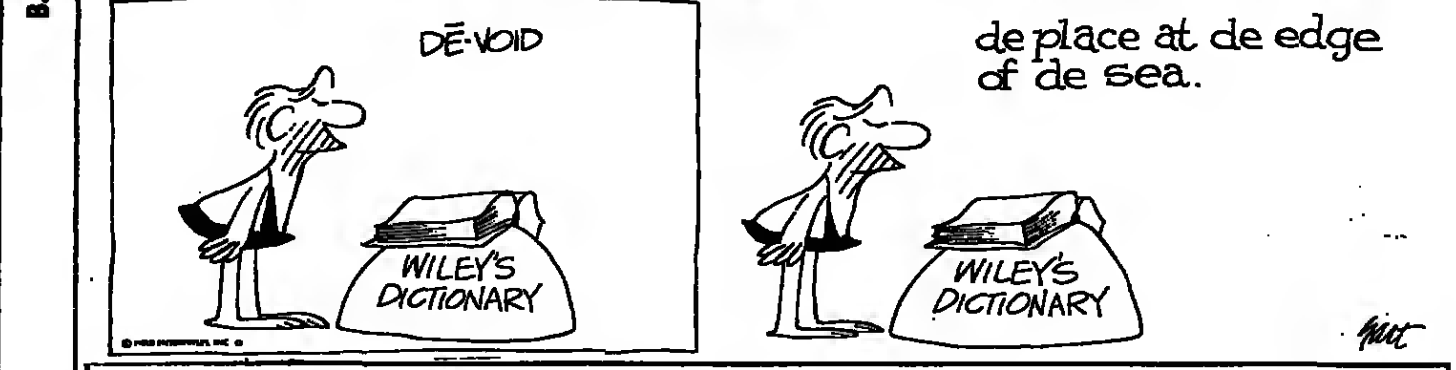
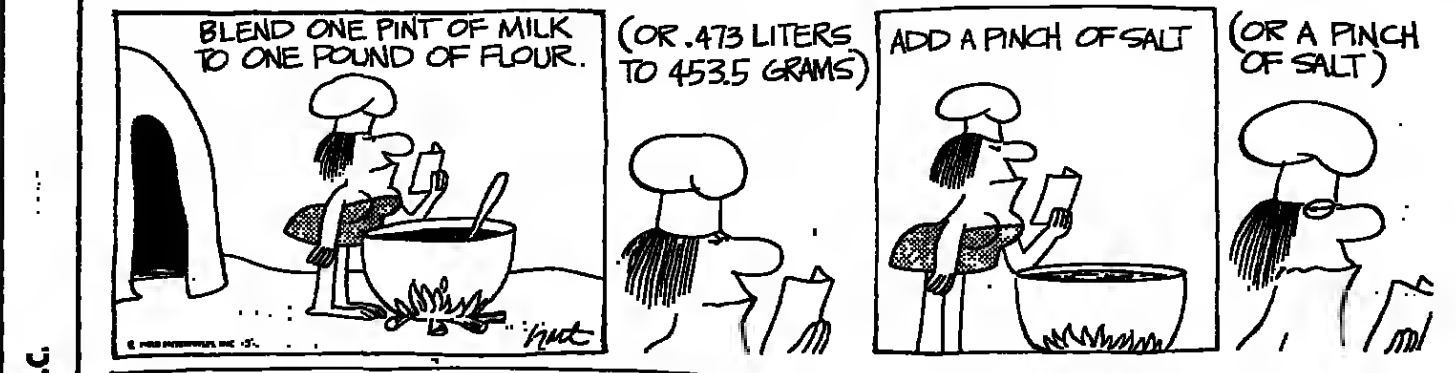
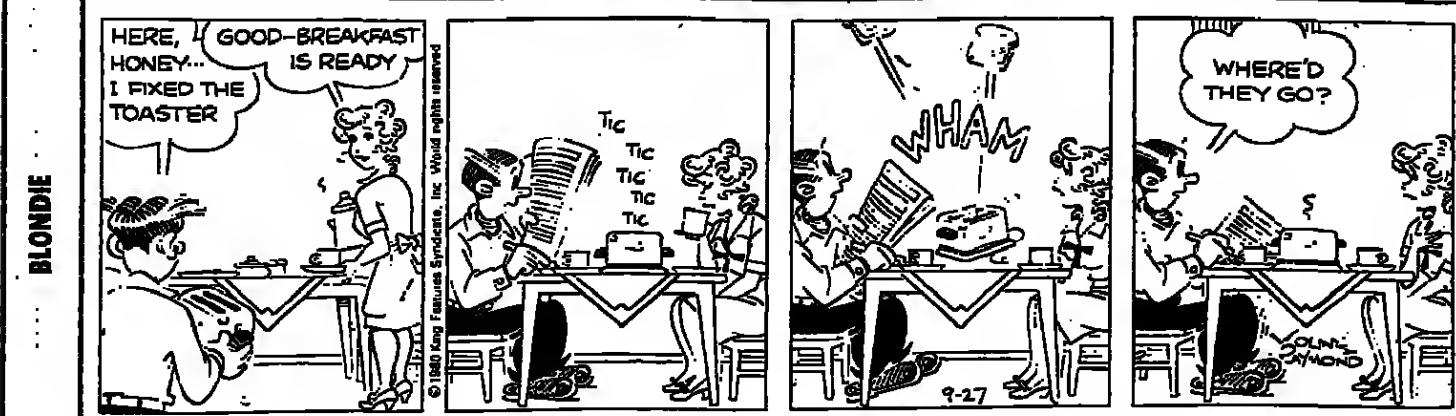
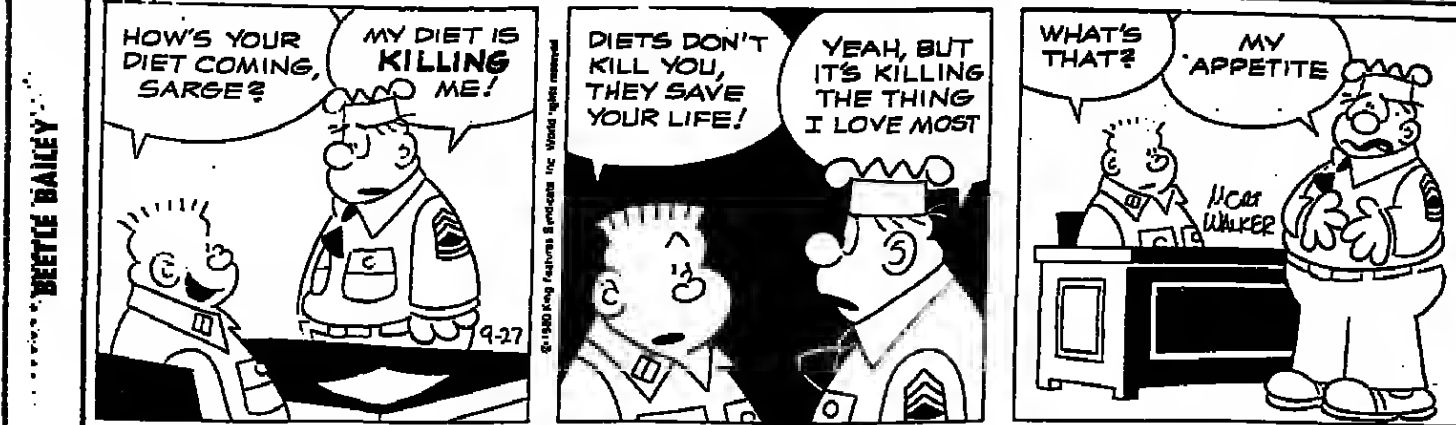
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2:05 Gems of Guidance
2:10 Islamic Activities in Focus
2:20 On Islam
2:30 A Chat and a Song
3:00 NEWS
3:10 Press Review
3:15 Music
3:20 Majesty of Islam
3:30 —
3:40 A selection of Music
3:50 Closures

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12:00 News newsmen's
voices correspondence
reports background
features media
commentary news analysis.

BBC

Morning Transmission
8:00 World News
8:09 Twenty-Four Hours
9:00 News Summary
9:30 Sarah Ward
9:45 World Today
9:00 Newsdesk
10:00 World News
10:09 Twenty-Four Hours
10:30 Sarah Ward
10:45 Something to
Show You
11:00 World News
11:09 Reflections
11:15 Piano Style
11:30 Brain of Britain 1978
12:00 World News
12:09 British Press Review
12:15 World Today
12:30 Financial News
12:40 Look Ahead
12:45 The Tony Myatt

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10:00 NEWS
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7 6 5 3
A 10 9 4
A K 9 4
K

West
A J 8 4
J 7 5
J 8 7 5
9 6

East
K 9 2
Q 3
10 6 3
A 10 8 3 2

South
Q 10
K 8 6 2
Q 2
Q J 7 5 4

North
7
A 10 9

West
J 7 5

East
Q 3
10 8

South
K 8
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North East South West
1 Pass 1 Pass
2 Pass 2 NT Pass
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Declarer now leads the queen of clubs. West's play does not matter, so let's assume he discards a spade, which is what dummy does also. South then leads another club. If West ruffs low, dummy overruffs and South easily makes the rest. If West trumps with the jack, he may worry declarer, but the outcome is the same. South overruffs and leads the heart ten from dummy, trapping East's queen.

The suggested method of play has a far greater chance of avoiding a trump loser than playing for the Q-J doubleton to fall. True, it requires good luck for it to succeed, but that's what you need plenty of when you get to a bad contract.

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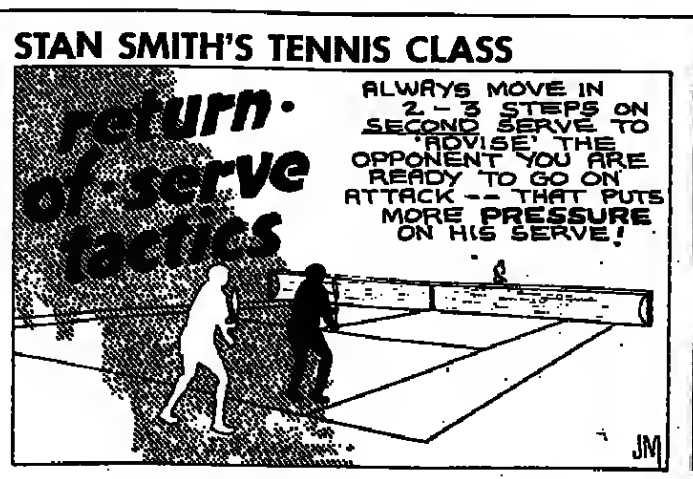
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Frances Drake
FOR SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1980

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Fights about expenditures could erupt between you and a close ally. Evening brings a clue to improved finances.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
Preoccupation with problems could alienate others now. The p.m. is favorable for going out and romance, but don't get overindulged.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
You'll relish privacy now, but you probably won't get the chance to relax till later. Don't let yourself get grouchy.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) ♋
Cooperation among groups is hard to come by now. The idiosyncrasies of others raises problems. Nighttime brings greater relaxation.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Avoid arguments with relatives about career matters. The p.m. is favorable for career advancement and monetary gain. Seek opportunities.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
If traveling, you may meet with delays or mix-ups. The

p.m. finds you in a more optimistic frame of mind. Watch spending.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Money matters are touchy now. An unexpected expense could set off an argument. Don't abuse credit. Evening favors quiet times.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
Relations with others are touch and go until the p.m. A party atmosphere can restore harmony so accept invitations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
Be careful of health and diet. Don't run yourself ragged. Chores may become tedious. Be rested for possibility of contacts with important people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
The moods of loved ones could test your patience. A private talk with a friend is beneficial. Stars favor a career opportunity.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Hectic activity around home base jars your nerves. Later, things settle down. Try to keep conflict down to a minimum. Don't fuss.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Others may be contrary. Stay clear of arguments about politics or religion. Partnership accord may be affected. Enjoy togetherness.

Crossword by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 43 Roman highway

1 Trickle

5 Lingerie

11 Medicinal

12 Extract

13 Center

14 Tooth

15 Terminate

16 Trilby

17 Prior to

18 Asian

19 Had a bite

20 Punting

21 Slippery

22 Actress l.e.e.

23 Game

26 Composed

27 Reverberate

28 All hands

29 French

30 Future ham

31 O'Neill play

34 My word!

35 District

36 Referee's

37 Dwelled

39 "All — Jazz"

40 Turn a second

41 Ascent

42 Stylish



Yesterday's Answer

16 Heavenly
ring
22 Japanese
name
23 "Norma"
Islands in
the Lesser
Antilles
25 World
Series time
26 Revel
28 Without
passion
30 Bad
guys
32 Hire
33 Office sign
38 Some (Fr.)
39 Three
(prefix)

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NFMCFLL X UXL XLG DLF
VTLGFG XLG QQWMA KDTLGB

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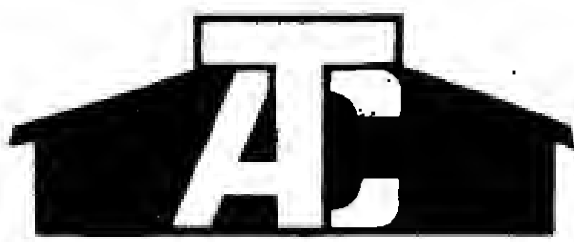
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International

Closed-door U.N. meeting Islamic Conference plans mediating role

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 26 (Agencies) — Islamic Conference states met Friday to work out how they could mediate in the fighting between Iran and Iraq, fellow members of the 40-nation group.

Agha Shahi, foreign minister of Pakistan and chairman of the group, called a meeting for Friday morning to consider plans for a mediating role. After day-long consultations, the council Thursday night deferred action to await the outcome of the Islamic delegates' meeting.

All 15 members of the council held a closed meeting Thursday night, their third round of full-scale consultations on the crisis, but agreed not to proceed to an open session.

The council has so far only issued a statement, through its president, calling on Iran and Iraq to halt the conflict and settle their differences through negotiations. Neither Iran nor Iraq has asked for the council's intervention.

General Zia Ul-Haq, the head of state of Pakistan and president of the Islamic conference, was mentioned as a likely choice of mediator, if, as expected, both combatant nations agreed.

Diplomatic sources said a peace mission could be on its way to Baghdad and Tehran within hours of the formal decision, with its first task the securing of an early cease-fire. A Security Council declaration or resolution also calling for a cease-fire and possibly proposing a deadline could reinforce this

move. Some non-aligned members of the council said Thursday night the U.N. enforcement body should work in tandem with the Islamic Conference. One delegate noted that Article 33 of the U.N. charter specifically endorses peace-making initiatives by regional bodies.

International efforts to end the conflict got under way Friday after the United States and the Soviet Union agreed that the fighting should not expand into what U.S. Secretary of State Edmund Muskie called "the unthinkable" — a nuclear confrontation between the two superpowers.

Muskie, speaking after three-and-a-half hours of talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, said any Middle East conflict had a potential of escalating into a U.S.-Soviet nuclear confrontation. But he added: "I don't think that it is going to happen on the basis of my present perceptions of the attitudes of the Soviet Union and ourselves."

As land, sea and air battles entered a fifth day, Iran and Iraq escalated their war of words, with Baghdad Radio claiming that Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini was dead. Tehran Radio quickly denied the report.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was to have talks in Tehran, Friday after arriving from Baghdad on a peace mission. No details of Arafat's talks in Baghdad have been released, but he has the respect of some senior revolutionary leaders in Tehran.

Militant interviewed

American hostages said safe

Beirut, Sept. 26 (AP) — The lives of the 52 American hostages in Iran have not been endangered by Iraqi attacks on Iran, a spokesman at the revolutionary guard headquarters in Tehran said in a telephone interview.

"They are all right. They are in safe places," said the revolutionary guard spokesman, who refused to give his name.

"As we know, the militant students have moved them to different places, but they are all right," he said.

Tehran Radio announced Tuesday night that an unspecified number of hostages had been moved from the cities of Qom, Mashhad, Tabriz, Jahrom, Yazd and Kerman, to new, undisclosed locations. The hostages, who were seized last Nov. 4 when militants overran the U.S. Embassy, were removed from the embassy grounds last April after the United States aborted a military operation to free them, according to reports from Tehran.

The revolutionary guard described the situation in Tehran and the mood of the people as "calm" and "quite satisfactory" after four days of all-out war with Iraq.

"Morale is quite good and very strong. People are not worried except for one or two percent who are a little bit anxious," he said. "All the people, whether civilians or armed, are on alert, but otherwise the streets are normal."

He said the armed forces have ordered people to turn off electrical lights from seven o'clock in the evening until six o'clock in the morning. "Ninety-five per cent of them do voluntarily," he said. "With the rest of them, the responsible warn them," he said referring to neighborhood committees.

He said appeals by Tehran Radio to conserve food and gasoline were "normal in this sort of situation."

"There is gasoline," he said, "but the oil ministry has suggested that we save it for military purposes."

He claimed the death toll in the fighting with Iraq has not been "very high," but he refused to give any specifics.

Seized by Iran

Hormuz isles' fate in balance

BAHRAIN, Sept. 26 (AP) — Gulf affairs experts have said the Iraq-Iran conflict will inevitably shake Tehran's control on three tiny islands commanding the southern gateway of the vital tanker route through the Hormuz Straits.

Forces of the late Shah of Iran seized the islands of Abu Musa, Greater Tunb and Lesser Tunb in 1971. Iran has maintained garrisons on them since then.

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) protested at the time and asked Iran to vacate the three islands, which belonged to the sheikdoms of Sharjah and Ras el Khaimah, members of the seven-emirate federation.

But the revolutionary regime of Ayatollah Khomeini has rejected the UAE claim to the three islands and insisted on annexing them. Shortly before the latest round of Gulf fighting, Iraq asked Iran to relinquish the island to Arab sovereignty, but Tehran was adamant in refusing.

The islands command strategic locations that give Iran an effective military control over navigation through the Hormuz Straits, where nearly 86 per cent of Middle East oil traffic and about half of the non-Communist

world's oil imports pass.

"The islands' strategic importance to the Gulf is similar to that of Gibraltar and Tangier in the Mediterranean and Aden to the Red Sea," a Bahrain official said. "Any power in control of these islands can ultimately dictate political, military and trade conditions in Gulf countries."

In the second half of the 19th century Britain was in control of the Gulf region, including the Omani coast and the three islands. Arab merchants established lucrative trade in the islands in the early years of the 20th century, when Iran tried to compete with them.

In 1904 the Iranians landed troops on the three islands but had to pull out three months later, under pressure from the British occupation authorities. The Iranians claimed at the time that their trade routes to Africa and India were insecure and insisted that the islands were once part of the old Persian empire.

The Iranian claim slumbered more than half a century and was revived in 1971, when Britain declared its intention to end its occupation in the Gulf region.

The late Shah of Iran sent his troops to the three islands and annexed them on Nov. 30, 1971, a day before the United Arab Emirates were proclaimed. The UAE consists of Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ras el Khaimah, Fujairah and Ajman in a nine-year-old federation.

Abu Dhabi is the largest and richest of the seven emirates. Oubai also is rich in oil and Sharjah ranks third in the order of wealth. Abu Musa, off the Sharjah coast, is three miles long and two miles wide and is inhabited by about 1,200 Arabs.

Greater Tunb, near Ras el Khaimah, is eight miles in length and four miles in breadth and has a population of 800.

Lesser Tunb, eight miles west of Greater Tunb, is a triangle shaped area one mile long and three-fourths of a mile wide. Farming and fishing are the main occupation of the residents of the three islands.



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U.S. blocks turbines for Iraqi ships

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 (AP) — In an abrupt policy reversal, the U.S. State Department temporarily blocked a pending sale of general electric gas turbine engines for Italian frigates ordered by the Iraqi Navy.

Department spokesman Jack Cannon said the decision came in response to the deepening hostility between Iraq and Iran, and reflected the American desire not to take sides in the conflict. He said the decision was not related to administration fears for the safety of the 52 American hostages in Iran.

Cannon said the administration would reconsider its decision to block the sale once there is an easing of tensions in the region. The transaction involved eight G.E. engines worth about \$11.2 million which were to be used in four Lupo class frigates being built in Italy. Two of the engines already have been shipped. Thursday's decision involved the remaining six engines.

In response to press inquiries, the State Department said it had approved the sale as Wednesday afternoon that its approval of the sale was not affected by the outbreak of hostilities between Iran and Iraq. Cannon said the policy reversal was based on "our conviction that everything must be done to reduce tensions."

Greek re-entry to NATO seen as Turkey relents

BRUSSELS, Sept. 26 (R) — Prospects of Greece's early return to the military wing of NATO have been opened up by a softening of Turkey's stand on its dispute with Athens over control of the Aegean Sea, NATO sources said Friday. Turkey has so far opposed Greece's return until the two nations agree on the division of military responsibilities in the Aegean.

But Turkey's military rulers were now saying privately that Athens should return to NATO first and leave the delineation of commands to the military of both countries, the sources said.

An end to the quarrel between Athens and Ankara would solve NATO's most troubling internal problem and strengthen the alliance's south-east flank bordering the Middle East. Greece left NATO's integrated military structure in 1974 in protest against Turkey's military intervention in Cyprus.

Athens wants to return and has warned that if its bid is blocked it would ask the United States to remove American bases in Greece. These include the Suda Bay naval base and the Candia air station on Crete, the Hellenikon military aircraft command center in Athens and a naval communications facility at Nea Makri near Marathon.

Greece also demands that it be given the same commands it had in 1974 at NATO land and air headquarters at Izmir in Turkey. Turkey argues that the old structure did not give it enough operational control in an area vital to its interests.

Greece fears Turkey might try to isolate and eventually gain control of the many Greek islands, some close to the Turkish mainland. Turkey, in turn, is afraid of being cut off from the open seas and has accused Greece of militarizing some islands.

Gierek shut out

WARSAW, Sept. 26 (AP) — Angry patients refused to budge from a sanatorium to free the building for convalescing former Communist Party leader Edward Gierek, a well informed source reported Friday. Gierek was to spend his convalescence after last month's heart stroke in a well-known spa near Lublin.

A patient was quoted as saying: "He (Gierek) doesn't disturb us. Let him come, but we won't budge."

Iran blamed for undeclared war

AMMAN, Sept. 26 (R) — Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz Friday blamed Iran for the undeclared war between the two Gulf States. Aziz, who arrived here from Paris Thursday night, charged that the Iranian government had violated the Algiers agreement of 1975 between the former Shah and President Saddam Hussein, then Iraq's vice-president.

He told a press conference here that while Iran gained the privilege of partial sovereignty over Shatt Al-Arab estuary, under the agreement, Iraq gained almost nothing. The agreement, he said, provided for the return to Iraq of all Iraqi territory seized by the former Shah, but that territory had never been given back to the Iraqis, he added.

Joint committees had been formed to delineate the border between the two neighboring countries but they achieved nothing as the Shah was ousted and Iraq marked time in its contacts with Iran following the Islamic revolution, Aziz said. He also charged that Iran had interfered in the internal affairs of Iraq and the Gulf Arab states often saying that the Gulf area belonged to Iran.

He cited an incident when former Iranian Foreign Minister Qutbzaadeh was asked during a visit to a Gulf Arab state about his country's position regarding Iraq's request for the return of three islands in the Straits of Hormuz, to Arab sovereignty. Qutbzaadeh said: "Iraq itself is originally Persian..."

Not only the Iranians refused to return occupied Iraqi territory to Iraq "but they turned them into military positions from where they shelled civilian targets in Khanaqeen, Zerbata and Nafkhanah," Aziz said.

He charged that between June 6 this year and Sept. 13 the Iranians committed a total of 187 military aggressions against Iraq. Aziz said Iraq spared no effort to come to a peaceful solution with Iran "but the arrogance of the Iranians have prevented a settlement of the issue."

The Algiers agreement had provided that it would be null and void if any of its articles were violated. "The Iranians have violated the agreement by refusing to return Iraqi territory," he said.

When the Iranians persisted in their refusal despite the many Iraqi contacts through diplomatic channels, Iraq had to abrogate the Algiers agreement and declare full sovereignty over the Shatt Al-Arab river (which forms part of the border) between the two countries, Aziz said.

Asked whether all the Iraqi territory which had been taken by the Iranians were now recovered, Aziz said they were in fact under Iraqi control when President Saddam Hussein made his speech in parliament on Sept. 17.

Asked what terms and conditions Iraq would impose for halting the fighting, Aziz said: "We have no conditions, all that we want from Iran is to respect our sovereignty over our land and waters and respect the sovereignty of the Gulf states, in addition to returning the three islands in the Straits of Hormuz to Arab sovereignty."

The three islands, the Greater and Lesser Tunbs and Abu Moussa, were occupied by the Iranian fleet when Britain pulled out of the east of Suez nearly in the 1970s. He rejected any foreign intervention in the area and said Iraq would fight any country which intervened though it respected international interests in the region.

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Asked on the results of his talks in Moscow and Paris, Aziz said they were good and had covered common interests and other international issues. He regarded the United States which he said supported the Zionist enemy as the prime enemy of Iraq and warned that if it intervened in the Gulf, Iraq would fight against it.

Asked if he had an estimate of how many Iraqi civilians had been killed as a result of Iranian raids, he said he had no information as he was abroad, but 47 persons killed and more than 70 wounded in Baghdad alone on Tuesday, he added.

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Both worry that a settlement might prejudice sovereignty rights over the continental shelf. Greece controls 42 per cent of Aegean Sea and air space and Turkey eight per cent. The rest is international. Attempts to reach a settlement by NATO's supreme allied commander in Europe, first Gen. Alexander Haig and now Gen. Bernard Rogers, have focused on the idea of setting up a kind of buffer zone between the Greek and Turkish air zones under NATO or U.S. command.

Bank, IMF to keep all observers out

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Sept. 26 — The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, in a move to defuse the controversy over observer status for the Palestine Liberation Organization, have decided to invite no observers at all to their annual meetings here next week.

The decision came in response to a proposal by the chairman of the 1980 meetings, Tanzanian Finance Minister, Amir Jamal, whose original invitation to the PLO led the United States and its allies to push through a resolution denying observer status to the Palestinian organization.

After passage of this resolution, Jamal said that if the PLO's economic unit, the Palestinian National Fund, could not attend the meeting slated to open Sept. 30, then observers should be invited. First the IMF and then the World Bank agreed to this formula.

Bank sources said that this decision was essential face-saving formula, designed to avoid a floor debate at the meetings on the PLO issue between pro-Arab and pro-U.S. delegates.

The formula would not prevent outside economic organizations from attending the meetings, since they could be invited as "special guests" rather than as "observers," the sources said.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

When times turn hard, as the economy goes to seed and political life reaches a dead end, one industry is sure to take off: the joke industry. In a place like Egypt, that industry takes off so often it hardly touches ground. Poland, with its well-publicized troubles is another high-flier. Two jokes, then, one from each country.

The Egyptian joke concerns the current meat shortage. It tells of a large public gathering attended by Sadat and his cabinet. As the meeting goes on, a first man comes in and slides up to the foreign minister and whispers something in his ear. The minister gets up and leaves the meeting without a word. The little man comes in again and talks to the interior minister, who does the same thing. The little man repeats his performance until there is only Sadat left on the platform. He then comes in and goes to Sadat and whispers in his ear. Whereupon the great man addresses the meeting: "I have sworn to you all that there shall be no secret between us, that I shall hide nothing from you. Well now, this chap just told me there is a fresh consignment of chicken the shop next door...."

The Polish joke is about a citizen who went to a shop intending to buy meat. There was none to be had, so he proceeded to swear at the government, the Communist Party, the Warsaw Pact, at anything else that came to mind. Then he left the shop. He was followed, however, by a secret policeman who happened to be overheard him. The policeman approached him and started to lecture him severely. "In the old days," he said, "my talk would've earned you a bullet in the head. But now I can only warn you that you are on our lists. One more slip, and...."

The man went home and his wife asked about the meat. "They don't have any," he said. She started to say how bad this had become but he stopped her. "It's worse than you think. They've run out of bullets as well."

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area where the Iraqis had occupied border heights. Both areas are near Qam Shira. There were only light casualties.

Natf-Sabir and Samar regions where Iraqis had not been able to establish a foothold.

Some Iraqi penetration was admitted in Mehran area — where there had been casualties — but the Iraqis had been repulsed in the Ham region. Both are south of Kermanshah, as is the Dehloran sector where there were heavy casualties on both sides in bitter fighting after Iraqi forces had pushed across the border. Casualties were also in another area penetrated by the Iraqis, Bitan. According to a naval spokesman, Iraqi MIGs were shot down when they attacked a U.S.-built corvette in the Gulf Thursday night. The *Negishi* was damaged.

The Abadan oil refinery, the world's largest, was still on fire, the spokesman said. It had been under attack since Tuesday and according to a report from Reuters correspondent Ibrahim Noori across the Shatt El-Arab estuary in Iraq it was still being bombed Friday afternoon. With the Abadan refinery, which supplied half of Iran's domestic fuel requirements, shut down the authorities Thursday night announced a week-long ban on the use of private vehicles throughout the country between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m.

On the political front President Carter proposed consultations among leading Western governments on safeguarding oil routes from the Gulf war zone, officials said Friday.

In Tokyo, a government spokesman said the U.S. president wanted a conference of industrialized nations, which are very dependent on a steady flow of oil through the Straits of Hormuz.

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